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Miscellaneous Recipients

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January 2, 1925.

Professor J. S. Pray,
50 Garden Street,
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 29, 1924, please be advised that if you will forward the gold and silver scrap you have to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, the Superintendent of that institution will remit to you a check covering the value of the precious metals after deducting charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The Mint is not, however, required to receive deposits which do not approximate or exceed $100 in value.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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January 2, 1925.

Chief, Division of Mail and Files,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 23, 1924 relative to the number of documents received and distributed during the calendar year 1924, the following is submitted:

Title of publication or document	Number of copies printed	Number distributed by this office and Superintendent of Documents	Number on hand with the Superintendent of Documents and Office
Proceedings of the Assay Commission 1924; Doc. No. 2937	200	145	55
Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924 including report on The Production of the Precious Metals during the calendar year 1923; Doc. No. 2939	1,500	992	508

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1925.

Mr. J. M. Sellers,
Route No. 2,
Bedford, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 29th of December, please be advised that there were no nickels with the Indian Head coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1925.

Mr. R. Blaine Murray
Cashier, The First National Bank
Hampstead, Md.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 30, 1924, please be advised that the only nickel coins issued or authorized in 1913 were those bearing the Buffalo and the Indian Head.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1925.

Mrs. Lillie F. Sanders,
Catawba,
South Carolina.

Dear Madam:

I am returning the specimen forwarded in your letter of December 20, and have to advise you that a visual examination discloses that the specimen is carborundum. It does not contain any of the precious metals.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint

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January 5, 1925.

Mr. Glenn E. Davis,
Cashier, American National Bank,
Green City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am returning herewith the specimen forwarded with your letter and have to advise you that a visual examination discloses that the material is pyrites.

There is no place in Washington where analysis of the ore can be made for the public by the Government.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint

O:F

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January 5, 1925.

Mr. C. A. Alexander,
26 and 28 S. Pryor Street,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 3, please be advised that the bullion value of the United States gold coin is the face value; that is, a $20 gold piece, when it is issued from the mint, has exactly $20 worth of gold at the rate of $20.67 per ounce.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1925.

Mr. Walters Durham,
Cashier, Mechanics Savings Bank,
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 3, you are advised that the Stone Mountain coins will probably be issued some time late this month.

Application for the coins should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 5, 1925.

The Braun Corporation,
Los Angeles,
California.

Sirs:

Please quote your price to supply two platinum anodes and two platinum cathodes for your two unit Braun Electrolytics Cabinet Serial No. 183 - 9121.

Delivery to be made at the office of the Director of the Mint, Treasurer Department, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

O:f

January 6, 1925.

F

The Chief Clerk,

Navy Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find two copies of Interrogatories which are sent each year to the principal countries of the world for the purpose of obtaining information concerning monetary matters, including production of gold and silver, coinage, etc.

It is desired to obtain the same information concerning the Virgin Islands, and your cooperation to that end is requested. Copies of comparative tables compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years are also inclosed as being of possible interest to those who prepare the answers. It is requested that one copy of the Interrogatory with answers be returned to this office, the other to be retained by you for reference if desired.

I trust that it will be possible for the information to reach this office before October 1st of the current year in order that it may be published in the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924-1925.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc:

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January 6, 1925.

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The Insular Bureau,

War Department.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find two copies of interrogatories which are sent each year to the principal countries of the world for the purpose of obtaining information concerning monetary matters, including production of gold and silver, coinage, etc.

It is desired to obtain the same information concerning the Philippine Islands, and your co-operation to that end is requested. Copies of comparative tables compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years are also inclosed as being of possible interest to those who prepare the answers. It is requested that one copy of the Interrogatory with answers be returned to this office, the other to be retained by you for reference if desired.

I trust that it will be possible for the information to reach this office before October 1st of the current year in order that it may be published in the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924-1925.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc:

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January 6, 1925.

Mr. F. P. Schaffer,
233 Broadway,
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of January 3 addressressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office for attention.

Replying, please be advised that it is customary for coins especially authorized by Congress to commemorate some particular historical date or event to be sold at a premium by the association or body bringing about this special legislation.

All special coins of recent issue have been distributed in this manner.

Respectfully,

M. W. Roberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

C:f

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January 6, 1925.

Mr. Lawrence Dixon,
West Alexander,
Pennsylvania.

Sir:

At the request of Honorable Benjamin L. Rosenbloom, this Bureau is forwarding a statement covering the coinage of the mints for the calendar year 1924 and has requested the Superintendent of Documents to forward to you a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924, which gives coinage from the organization of the mint.

A statement covering the circulation will be forwarded to you as soon as it is issued during the current week.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
O:f

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January 6, 1934.

Honorable Albert H. Vestal,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage,
Weights, and Measures,
House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman Vestal:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 5 recommending the appointment of Mrs. Frank Sample, of Muncie, Indiana, as a member of the Annual Assay Commission.

This Bureau has taken pleasure in placing the name of Mrs. Sample on the list to be submitted to the President during the present month.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1925.

Honorable Benjamin L. Rosenbloom,
U. S. House of Representative,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Rosenbloom:

In response to your request of December 30 addressed to the Chief Clerk of this Department and referred to this Bureau for attention, please be advised that we have forwarded to Mr. Lawrence Dixon, West Alexander, Pa., a statement covering the coinage executed at the mints during the calendar year 1924, and a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint showing the coinage from the organization of the mint to the present year.

A circulation statement for January 1, 1925, due within a few days, will also be forwarded to Mr. Dixon upon its availability. Dr. Dixon has been advised that the documents are being sent at your request.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

O:f

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1924.

The Mines Handbook,
Tuckahoe, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your request of January 3, there is inclosed a form of voucher to be used in executing your account for a copy of the Mines Handbook, Volume XVI, which you state will be ready for delivery on the 15th of this month.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc:
O:f

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January 6, 1925

Mr. R. Blaine Murray,
Cashier, The First National Bank,
Hampstead, Md.

Sir:

Replying to the notation attached to our letter of January 3 relative to nickel coins, please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins and does not issue a list of coin dealers; neither has it knowledge as to what coin dealers pay for coins for collection.

As several million nickel coins bearing Buffalo and Indian heads were issued, it is not probable that coin dealers pay a premium for them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 6, 1925.

Honorable James F. Byrnes,
U. S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Byrnes:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 5 requesting that the name of Dr. A. R. Johnston, Reevesville, S. C. be placed on the list to be considered for appointment by the President as a member of the Annual Assay Commission.

This Bureau has taken pleasure in placing Dr. Johnston's name on the list which will be considered during this month.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 6, 1925.

The Denver Fire Clay Company,
Denver,
Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith voucher forwarded to this Bureau and have to request that same be sent to the institution to which shipment was made of the material represented by this voucher.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
C:f

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January 6, 1925.

Mr. Harry B. Miller,
512 Wyandotte Street,
Bethlehem, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of January 2 addressed to the Director of the Mint, Philadelphia, has been forwarded to the Director's office in this Department.

Seigniorage is the difference between the intrinsic value of silver or minor coins and their face value. The same definition applies to the word "brassage".

The term "free coinage" might be applied to gold coinage. The coinage of gold is free. Any owner of gold bullion can take it to a mint and receive in return the equivalent in coin or gold bars. When gold coins are first issued from the mint they contain exactly their face value in gold.

The value of silver coins varies from day to day with the price of silver. Since the price of silver changes every day, and the weight of the pure silver in the silver coins is fixed, it is obvious that the intrinsic value of the pieces changes with the value of the metal.

Restricted coinage might be applied to the coinage of silver dollars, as the manufacture of that denomination is limited by the specified amount of silver which may be purchased for silver dollar coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 6, 1925.

Armand, Weill Company,
152 West 42nd. Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this Bureau immediately of the rate at which you will supply the San Francisco Mint with eight tons of shot nickel, 99% nickel cobalt content, for minor coinage. Please quote price delivered to the mint building, San Francisco; please advise approximate date of delivery.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1925.

United Metals Selling Company.
25 Broadway.
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this Bureau immediately of the rate at which you will supply the San Francisco Mint with eight tons of shot nickel, 99% nickel cobalt contents, for minor coinage. Please quote price delivered to the mint building at San Francisco; please include approximate date of delivery.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 6, 1925.

American Nickel Corporation,
Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this Bureau immediately of the rate at which you will supply the San Francisco Mint with eight tons of shot nickel, 99% nickel cobalt content, for minor coinage. Please quote price delivered to the mint building at San Francisco; please state approximate date of delivery.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reed

O:f

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 6, 1925.

International Nickel Company,
67 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this Bureau immediately of the rate at which you will supply the San Francisco Mint with eight tons of shot nickel, 99% nickel cobalt content, for minor coinage. Please quote price delivered to the mint building at San Francisco; please state approximate date of delivery.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 6, 1925.

U. S. Metal Refining Company,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this Bureau immediately of the rate at which you will supply the San Francisco Mint with eight tons of shot nickel, 99% nickel cobalt content, for minor coinage. Please quote price delivered to the mint building, San Francisco; please advise approximate date of delivery.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 6, 1925.

Nichols Copper Company,
25 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this Bureau immediately of the rate at which you will supply the San Francisco Mint with eight tons of shot nickel, 99% nickel cobalt content, for minor coinage. Please quote price delivered to the mint building at San Francisco; please advise approximate date of delivery.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

O:f

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 6, 1925.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this Bureau immediately of the rate at which you will supply the San Francisco Mint with eight tons of shot nickel, 99% nickel cobalt content, for minor coinage. Please quote price delivered to the mint building, San Francisco; please advise approximate date of delivery.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 7, 1925.

Honorable Arthur Capper,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Capper:

In response to your request of January 6, this Bureau has taken pleasure in forwarding to Mr. C. Q. Chandler, Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank in Wichita, Kansas, a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924.

Mr. Chandler has been advised the report has been sent at your request.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 7, 1925.

Mr. A. F. DeBalski,
5299 Chopin Street,
Detroit, Mich.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 4 relative to special coins issued at the time of various expositions, you are correct in your understanding that coins were issued for these celebrations.

I am unable to advise you where you can obtain speciments of these coins except in the case of the Panama Pacific International Exposition issue which might possibly be secured from the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company, San Francisco, and the Pilgrim Tercentenary coin which might be obtain upon application to the Shawmut National Bank, Boston, Mass.

Respectfully,

M. W. Riley

Acting Director of the Mint.

O.F.

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January 7, 1925.

Mr. Samuel Turnbull,
Soldiers Home,
California.

Sir:

The sample of rocks submitted by you is a carbonate rock (species of limestone) and contains no precious metals.

The Government maintains no laboratory at Washington for the examination of ores for the public.

The blisters you obtained by fusing with borax are nothing more than a glassy slag formed by the combing of the borax (an acid flux) with the carbonate rock (basic material).

The specimen is being returned under separate cover.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Q:f

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January 7, 1926.

Mr. Blanchard E. Hiatt,
Trust Officer,
The American National Bank.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 5, please be advised that the gold coin described by you is one of private gold coins issued by banks, mining companies, and assayers.

The date is probably inadvertently stated in your letter as "1954" and should be August 1, 1834.

It is understood by this Bureau that these specimens are held at a premium by collectors but we are not able to advise you of the value placed on them.

I would suggest that for further information as to their numismatic value you address a letter to the American Numismatic Society, 156th Street, Broadway, New York.

Respectfully,

H. McKeel

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1925.

Mr. Vern Todd,
Moorefield,
Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 30, please be advised that the Government did not call in gold coin from banks during the world war.

If we can be of further service to you please let us know.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 8, 1925.

C. W. Hanby,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Production report already in mail

O'REILLY
Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses, Mint Bureau, 1925.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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January 8, 1925.

Mr. J. Ross Corbin,
Chief, Metals Division,
Topographic & Geologic Survey,
Department of Forests and Waters,
Harrisburg, Pa.

Sir:

Under separate cover are being forwarded copies of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years 1921, 1922, and 1923, as per your request of January 5.

Prior to 1921 the State of Pennsylvania does not appear as a producer of gold and silver. It is understood that the inconsiderable quantities being produced in recent years are obtained as a very small byproduct from other mining operations.

I trust this is the information desired by you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F:f

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January 8, 1925.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Herewith please find check drawn in your favor for $2,618.58 the proceeds of which it is requested be deposited in the Treasury by C. D. to the credit of the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1925", as reimbursement on account of the refining of silver bullion purchased under the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918.

Will you kindly indicate on the accompanying duplicate letter the C. D. number and date and return to this office for information.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc

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January 8, 1925.

Mr. J. M. Leffingwell,
Boonevilla,
New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 7 please be advised that if you will forward a specimen of the ore to the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, S. D., the material will be assayed for gold and silver for a charge of one dollar, and for other metals, such as lead, zinc, etc., one dollar each.

There is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 8, 1925.

Mr. J. R. Ballintine,
A.P.A. Office, S.A.L.Ry.,
Portsmouth, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 6 I am not able to advise you where you are able to obtain a specimen of the Washington Lafayette Dollar.

The Pilgrim Tercentenary Half Dollar was sold by the Shawmut National Bank, Boston, Mass.

The Monroe Half Dollar can probably be obtained by addressing any national bank in Los Angeles, California.

The 1921 Peace Dollar is the same type as the silver dollar now being coined. The 1921 dollar has no specific characteristic distinguishing it from the regular standard silver dollar. I am not able to advise you where you can obtain a specimen of the 1921 issue.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 6, 1925.

Mr. W. L. Hyndman,
1218 Great Northern Railway Co. Bldg.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 3 please be advised that the Stone Mountain Memorial coins are for sale by the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, Atlanta, Ga.

The coins are to be fifty cent pieces.

Respectfully,

R. B. Ridgely,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 9, 1921.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher, in amount $10,542.42, payable from the "Special Fund-Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold." It is requested that the proceeds of the check in payment be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1925", on account of recoinage into dollars of silver bullion purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918.

Duplicate copy of this letter is being furnished with request that number and date of Certificate of Deposit be noted thereon and copy returned to this office in order that our records may be completed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 9, 1925.

American Smelting Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Nichols Copper Company
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Referring our letter sixth do you intend to bid on nickel for San Francisco Mint.

O'Reilly
Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1925.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2139

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 9, 1925.

Mr. A. D. Noyes,
Financial Editor,
The New York Times.

Sir:

In response to your letter of January 7, I take pleasure in inclosing a table of the production of gold and silver during 1924.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 9, 1925.

Mrs. Isabelle E. Fitzwater,
406 South Church Street,
Monro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

The Mints do not purchase gold in the form of ore.

It is purchased in the form of bullion only and then in quantities valued at $100 and over.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 9, 1925.

Honorable Charles R. Crisp,
U. S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Crisp:

Replying to your letter of January 7, please be advised that the Stone Mountain Memorial Coins will be ready for delivery about the middle of this month.

They will be turned over to the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Association, Atlanta, Ga. Application for the coins should be made to that organization.

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1925.

Mr. J. B. Drake,
Mellon National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 7, please be advised that the Stone Mountain Coins will be ready for delivery about the middle of this month.

They will be turned over to the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Association, Atlanta, Ga. Application for the coins should be made to that organization.

Respectfully,

W. A. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1925.

Mr. Byron Carney,
34 Hope Street,
London, Ontario.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 7, please be advised that the $50 gold pieces and other coins authorized to be issued for the Panama Pacific International Exposition were for sale by the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company at San Francisco, Calif.

I would suggest that you would address this association as a possible source for obtaining the coins you desire.

Respectfully,

W. M. McKenley

O:f

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1925.

Honorable Walter F. George,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator George:

Replying to your letter of January 8, it is expected that the coinage of the Stone Mountain Memorial Coins will be undertaken about the 20th of this month, and possibly a little sooner. The dies are now being completed at the mint.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

O:f

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 10, 1925.

International Nickel Company,
67 Wall Street
New York, N.Y.

Your offer eight tons shot nickel for San Francisco Mint thirty-two and one half cents per pound water route accepted.

GRANT
Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1925.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------

2—5736 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2132

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January 19, 1925.

Mr. Carl F. McKorkle,
Spiceland,
Henry County, Ind.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the specimen submitted in your letter of January 6, and have to advise you that a visual examination indicates that the material does not contain any precious metals.

Respectfully,

M. McRae

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 10, 1925.

Mr. Max Marons,
201 W. 112 Street,
New York City.

Sir:

In response to your inquiry please be advised that the one cent pieces bearing the initials "D.V.B." do not have a premium value as millions of these coins were issued. Your one cent piece is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

O.f

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1925.

Mr. Weltly Stephen,
4625 N. Racine Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Please be advised that there were no five cent pieces bearing the Indian head issued in 1915.

Respectfully,

A. M. Rawlings

Acting Director of the Mint.

G:f

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January 10, 1925.

Superintendent of Documents,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Please forward to Mr. J. J. Hall, Hutchinson, Arkansas, Reports of the Director of the Mint for 1917 and subsequent reports.

Inclosed find addressed frank for your convenience.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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January 10, 1925.

Honorable George A. Welsh,
U. S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Welsh:

Referring to your letter of January 7 in the interest of Mrs. Catherine M. Rivel, employee at the United States Mint at Philadelphia, please be advised that this office took up with the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia the case of Mrs. Rivel, and I am inclosing a copy of the Superintendent's reply.

It is hoped that Mrs. Rivel will be able to pass the required examination.

On your account this Bureau will be very glad to do everything possible for Miss Rivel.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1925.

Armand Weill Company,
152 West 42nd Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of January 9 offering to supply nickel to the United States Mint at San Francisco at 32¢ per pound, F. O. B. cars New York City, has been received and is respectfully declined, a lower bid having been obtained.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1925.

United States Nickel Company,
New Brunswick,
New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to supply the San Francisco Mint with shot nickel has reached this Bureau and is respectfully declined, a lower bid having been received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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American Nickel Corporation,
Clearfield,
Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to supply the San Francisco Mint with shot nickel has reached this Bureau and is respectfully declined, a lower bid having been received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1925.

Honorable W. H. Sproul,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Sproul:

I have your letter of January 8 relative to the coinnow being prepared to commemorate the carving of Stone Mountain.

The dies for this coinage are about completed and it is expected that coinage will be started some time next week.

One side of the coin bears a detail of the carving on Stone Mountain including figures of Jefferson and Lee. The other side of the coin has the usual devises required by law to be placed on all coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

January 10, 1926.

International Nickel Company,
67 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This letter will confirm telegraphic acceptance of your offer to supply the San Francisco Mint with eight tons (16,000 pounds) of shot nickel at the rate of 32½¢ per pound, delivered to the mint at San Francisco. It is understood that this nickel will be shipped by water freight.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Mr. R. E. Bailey, Manager,
Publicity Department,
Shawmut Bank of Boston,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 10 relative to the contemplated issue of Concord half dollars, please be advised that Congress has not, to date, authorized the issue of these pieces.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1925.

Mrs. J. O. Dorroh,
Route 1,
Morris, Alabama.

Madam:

The Division of Loans and Currency has transmitted to this office a box forwarded by you said to contain molten metal supposed to be gold and silver coin.

I am returning this material under separate cover and have to advise that the United States Mint at Philadelphia accepts gold bullion when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The Mints are not required to accept smaller deposits. In order to determine the pure metal content of this deposit it would be necessary to melt and assay the same, deducting charges for the work of fitting the material for coinage purposes. You are at liberty to forward the material to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, with the understanding that the deposit is subject to acceptance or rejection by that officer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Brannon Jewelry Company,

Bonham, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the mutilated $5.00 gold piece forwarded by you for redemtpion. Mutilated coins are purchased by the mints in accordance with the provisions contained in the circular enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1925.

Mr. S. F. McDonald,
Route No. 2,
Titus, Alabama.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 2 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1925.

Mr. J. C. Newsome,

Craigsville, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 8 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1925.

Mr. Leo Klinger,
220 West 42nd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of January 8 you are informed that the Government has never published a pamphlet on the refining and melting of the precious metals.

I suggest that you consult the following:

Standard Methods of Chemical Analysis by Wilfred W. Scott, published by D. Van Nostrand Co., 25 Park Place, N.Y.

A Manual of Fire Assaying by C. H. Fulton, published by the Hill Publishing Co., 505 Pearl St., N.Y.

The Metallurgy of Gold by T. K. Rose, published by C. Griffin & Co., Exeter St., London.

The McGraw Publishing Company of New York publish a number of metallurgical treatises covering the subject.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1925.

Mr. Herman Craig,
East Alstead,
New Hampshire.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1925.

Mrs. Vera B. Teal,
Wooler, Ontario,
Canada.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 8 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and it is understood no premium is paid by dealers for the Columbian coins, many thousands being in circulation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1925.

Mr. John L. May,
Assayer in Charge,
United States Assay Office,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Mr. May:

I am enclosing a letter received today from Manual Clark, Fayetteville, Tennessee.

It is evident that Mr. Clark is laboring under a misapprehension, and I shall appreciate it if you will forward a report on this case which I will transmit to Mr. Clark.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1925.

Mr. John H. MacGregor,
175 West Jackson Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 10 please be advised that twenty-cent silver pieces were coined from 1875 to 1878 to the amount of $271,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1925.

Mr. John R. Dimmock,
71 St. Marys Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Sir:

You are probably aware of the death on January 4 of Mr. George T. Morgan, Engraver at the Mint in Philadelphia. The position of Engraver now being vacant several applicants have been taken under consideration for the position. Before making a decision I would like to know if you would consider the appointment should it be tendered to you. The position is a Presidential one and carries a salary of $4,000 a year.

If you would consider the position favorably I should like to arrange to meet you in Boston within a couple of weeks. A definite arrangement can be made upon receipt of your reply.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 12, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This office is today in receipt of copy of settlement certificate number C1290417 dated December 16, 1924, of the disbursing account of Frank Sayer, Superintendent U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., for period April 1 to June 30, 1924, showing suspension of $12,250.48.

This amount suspended covers fifteen pages of items, all except two of which represent vouchers suspended because of lack of evidence that the lowest bid was accepted, or if not the lowest, reasons therefor.

For many years past the vouchers of the Philadelphia Mint have been accompanied by the accepted bid, but not by all bids received, and this is the first notice we have had that such bids would be required.

The vouchers have heretofor been passed by the General Accounting Office when rendered in the same way as for the period covered by the aforementioned settlement. Considerable work would be involved in going into our files for the purpose of providing the information requested, covering the considerable number of vouchers for the period in question, and for the subsequent periods July-September and October-December, 1924, inclusive.

It is therefore requested that the suspended vouchers for the period covered by the settlement in question, and that the vouchers for the subsequent periods, July-September and October-December, 1924 (paid prior to receipt of this notice) be allowed on the same basis as heretofor, with the understanding that future vouchers for disbursements, beginning January 1, 1925, will be supported by evidence that the lowest bid was accepted, or if not the lowest, the reasons therefor.

Respectfully,

M. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

For

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January 13, 1925.

Mr. Gebhardt H. Heym,
6142 Haverford Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 12 making application for consideration for appointment to the position of Engraver at the Mint in Philadelphia.

Several candidates are under consideration for this position and your application will be placed on file. I expect to be in Philadelphia next week and unless some definite decision is reached I will ask that you come to the Mint to see me. I will telephone to you from the Mint if this interview can be arranged.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 13, 1925.

Mr. Hollins N. Randolph, President,
Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

The mint at Philadelphia is about ready to strike the coins for the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association. Will you please advise me at your earliest convenience what arrangements you have made to receive and make payment for the coins at the mint. Will you please also advise me as to the number of coins it will be possible for you to dispose of immediately. The Department is very anxious to avoid the coinage of an unnecessary large number of these pieces and I would appreciate your cooperation in calling for only such number as you believe to be immediately required to meet the demand. Invoices of the coins can be obtained from time to time at the mint as your needs develop, but the Department is very reluctant to prepare a large number of these coins in anticipation of an uncertain sale.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 16, 1925.

Mr. Henry A. Pierog,
2216 W. 18th Pl.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 30, and to the sample submitted by you, please be advised that the latter appears to be what is commonly known as a "king", a mixture of metal and slag -- made by melting rich ore or scrap and permitting the fused metal which sinks to the bottom of the pot to solidify.

It is rich in silver and retains a little gold. The Government, however, maintains no laboratory in Washington to report on the values of such samples, but assays of ore are made at the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota, at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Your sample is being returned by registered mail.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 13, 1925.

The International Nickel Company,
67 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 12 please be advised that our letter of January 10 may be regarded by you as a formal request to make shipment of nickel to the San Francisco Mint without further advice from this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 13, 1925.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadwey,
New York, New York.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of December, 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Domestic unrefined silver	- 83,893.93	fine oz.
Foreign " "	- 208,063.09	" "
Foreign silver coin	- 26,888.48	" "

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 13, 1925.

Survey of Current Business,
Bureau of the Census,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of December, 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Unrefined domestic gold	90,816,177 fine oz.
Unrefined domestic silver	83,893.93 fine oz.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 13, 1925.

Mr. Christian Petersen,
Attleboro, Mass.

Sir:

I have your letter of January 8 relative to the position of Engraver at the Mint in Philadelphia. Several candidates are under consideration but as yet no decision has been reached.

I have placed your application on file and will communicate with you further if the way is still open to regard your application as entitled to further consideration and correspondence.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 13, 1925.

Mr. C. O. Gregory,
Box 217,
Fordwick, Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning the gold piece enclosed in your letter of January 9th.

The mints do not purchase gold in small quantities. This piece has, however, the intrinsic value of about $5.00 as bullion. It is, as you know, not a coin.

It is possible that some collector may offer you more than the bullion value of the piece, and I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th St., New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1925.

Mr. H. Meshin,
c/o Hotel Metropole,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 7 enclosing postal money order for $25.10, please be advised that the order has been made payable to the Treasurer of the United States and that officer has been requested to communicate further with you in regard to the $2.50 gold pieces.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing for your files contract entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, with the Fairmount Foundry, Inc., for furnishing iron castings to the mint during the current fiscal year.

The contract is accompanied by bond, and both contract and bond bear the approval of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1925.

Mr. Joss G. Neihart,
1st and Coal Sts.,
Trevarton, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 12 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1925.

Mr. George A. Phillips,
General Delivery,
Ogden, Utah.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1925.

Mr. A. H. Jennings,
Historian in Chief,
Sons of Confederate Veterans,
Lynchburg, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 13 please be advised that the Stone Mountain coins, when ready, will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and application should be made to that body for the coins. They will not be distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 15, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter of January 12, 1925, file C-FN-7, transmitting statement of differences pertaining to this office found in the disbursing accounts of J. L. Summers, per settlement C-19388-T, for the month of June, 1924.

Paragraph 13, Form A, Proposals, on page 14 of General Schedule of Supplies, Fiscal Year 1924, states, in part, "that one-tenth of 1 per cent of the contract price shall be deducted as liquidated damages, in lieu of actual damages, for each and every day's delay in the delivery thereof, should the interest of the Government, in the opinion of the head of the ordering office, sustain any damage by reason of such delay." As this office suffered no damages by reason of non-delivery within contract period (if there was any such delay) of any of the goods covered by the vouchers suspended in this account it is requested that the suspensions be removed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1925.

Mr. Paul Cheney,

Estancia, New Mexico.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 7 please be advised that the lettering on the silver dollars you have is the product of the low relief type of die being used on that particular coin. It would not appear from your description that the coins are irregular in any way.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1925.

Mr. Alfred E. Katzin,
692 Springfield Avenue,
Newark, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to you letter of January 14 please be advised that half dollars to the amount of $50,026.50 were issued to commemorate the Landing of the Pilgrims. These coins were not recalled by the Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 15, 1925.

Mr. Theodore Belote.
Curator of History.
National Museum,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Belote:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has returned the list of coins and medals which you desire to have purchased for the collection with the request that the proposal be received in a formal manner from Guttag Bros. The Superintendent is also anxious about the fact that we are required to receive competitive bids on all purchases.

Will you please request Guttag Brothers to send their list, in duplicate, on their regular letterhead, duly signed. It will also be necessary to obtain a statement from you to the effect that no competitive bids were obtainable by you on this list of coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1925.

Mrs. Grace Gresham,

Kilmarnick, Virginia.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 9 please be advised that over 8,000,000 silver dollars were coined in 1904. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coin. It is understood there is a premium on silver dollars of 1804, but the Department has no absolute knowledge of the amount coin dealers will pay for any coin.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1925.

Mr. Ansel A. Howard,

Fairport, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 13 please be advised that during the calendar year 1922 no half dollars, quarter dollar, dimes or five-cent pieces were coined. Grant memorial half dollars were issued in that year, but no half dollars of the regular issue were coined.

The mints do not segregate coins by years, and I can only suggest that you apply to your bank for the coins you desire.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1925.

Mr. John A. Wooton,

Fort Meade, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 10 please be advised that the Government is not interested in the recovery of hidden treasures.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1925.

Miss Celia M. Johnson,
R. R. 9,
Princeton, Illinois.

Madam:

Your letter of January 12 addressed to the Bureau of the Mint is probably intended for the Bureau of Mines, Interior Department. I am returning herewith fifteen cents enclosed in your letter.

Respectfully,

M. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1925.

James T. White & Co.,
70 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your card of recent date please be advised that Mr. Robert E. Preston died in 1911. His son, Mr. Samuel Preston is employed by the Potomac Electric Power Company, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1925.

Honorable Key Pittman, Vice Chairman,
Commission of Gold and Silver Inquiry,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of January 9 requesting an itemized statement showing various acquisitions, allocations, and assignments of silver bullion for subsidiary coinage purposes between January 1, 1921 and January 1, 1924, and note your desire that such statement disclose as fully as possible the form and character of such silver when acquired, and whether such silver or any part of it was foreign or domestic origin; also that such statement should exclude silver allocated for subsidiary coinage under the so-called Pittman Act.

All silver purchased since December 31, 1920, except that procured under the Act of April 23, 1918, has been such as was contained in deposits of gold bullion, and all of it was purchased for use in subsidiary silver coinage in conformity with regulations and longstanding practice. No special allocations or assignments of such silver for subsidiary coinage are ever made. No assignments or allocations of other silver for subsidiary coinage have been made since 1920. Purchased deposits include domestic bullion, foreign bullion, and secondary or scrap material.

In addition to our receipts of purchased silver, exclusive of the purchases under the Pittman Act, the coinage mints and New York Assay Office receive material quantities of silver, both domestic and foreign, in exchange for bars of fine silver bearing the Government stamp as to weight, assay, etc. Our regular classification of silver and gold receipts as between domestic, foreign, scrap, etc., includes all of the silver received, from all sources and for all purposes, and is not separately made for such silver as is contained in gold deposits; therefore, such classification as requested in your letter would necessitate complete review of the bullion deposits of each of the institutions above named for the entire three year period, with reclassification of all of the thousands of items, and involve a delay of several weeks.

The quantity of silver contained in deposits of gold bullion, which has been purchased for subsidiary coinage as above explained follows:

During calendar year 1921 . . . . . Fine Ounces
" " " 1922 2,336,148
" " " 1923 1,513,819
Total 2,294,987
. 6,144,954

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Honorable Key Pittman (Continued).

Subsidiary silver coin received for recoinage in accordance with law totaled 5,280,058 ounces during the three calendar years 1921-2-3.

If you require information additional to the above and to that contained in the annual reports of the Director of the Mint, I shall appreciate your further advice.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1925.

Mr. F. Cosby,
c.o State Free Employment Bureau,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 13 please be advised that the Monroe Doctrine half dollar may be obtained from the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California.

Respectfully,

A. W. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 16, 1925.

Philadelphia News Bureau,
436 Sansom Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your inquiry of January 14 for information concerning the coinage of the world and that of the United States for the ten year period, 1914-1923 inclusive, will state that such information, as regards the world, is not available for all of the ten years. Such data as are available are contained in the Annual Reports of the Director of the Mint which are regularly supplied to the following institutions in Philadelphia, where you would probably be able to consult same:

Philadelphia Bourse,
Philadelphia Union League Club,
Philadelphia Record.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1925.

Mrs. W. A. Moore,

Cowpens, S.C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 14 please be advised that no Liberty Head nickels were coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 16, 1925.

Mr. Raymond S. Chase,
50 Elm St.,
Pawtucket, R.I.

Sir:

Replying to your card of January 14 please be advised that no Liberty Head nickels were coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1925.

Mr. John Ranger,
25 Greystone Park,
Lynn, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of Jamary 13 please be advised that the coinage mints of the United States are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. There is no mint in Washington. Coins of all denominations are made at the three coinage mints.

The letter "O" referred to by you was the mint mark of the New Orleans mint, no longer operated as a coinage mint. The Mint mark of the San Francisco Mint is the letter "S", while coins made at the Philadelphia mint are known by the absence of a mint mark.

The initials of the designers of coins when placed thereon appear on the obverse, while mint marks are on the reverse.

The paper currency of the United States is manufactured in Washington by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 16, 1925.

Mr. Stephen Ady,
1510 Effington St.,
Portsmouth, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the mints do not purchase gold in quantities of less than $100.00 in value. The amount you describe is not sufficient to permit the mints to handle it.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1925.

Mr. Thomas Tonge,
International Trust Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 12 and take pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1925.

Mr. L. E. Wilson,
209 North King Street,
Hampton, Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 13 relative to the gold coins of the United States, the following is submitted:

Denomination	First Coined	Types changed
$1.00	1849	1854 *
2.50	1796	1834-1908
5.00	1795	1807-1908
10.00	1795	1838-1907
20.00	1849	1907

No fifty-dollar gold pieces have been issued as a regular denomination. Some pattern pieces were coined, and a fifty-dollar gold piece was manufactured for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

I would suggest that you consult a Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals, which may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1925.

Mr. H. J. Richter,
The Amity Standard,
Amity, Oregon.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 9 please be advised that the mints do not segregate coins by years. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for information regarding the coin you describe.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1925.

Hollins N. Randolph,
President Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Replying your wire sixteenth I will be in New York Monday Expect to start minting Wednesday twenty first I will be in Philadelphia that date

H. J. Grant
Director Mint

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau. 1925.

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January 17, 1925.

Hollins N. Randolph,
President Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Meet me New York Assay Office thirty two Wall Street any time Monday

Grant
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

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January 17, 1924.

Miss Evelyn Freedman,
206 East 17th Street,
New York City.

Madam:

Your letter of recent date has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Lincoln one-cent piece was first issued in 1909, and the design of this coin is the work of Victor D. Brenner.

The nickel of the present design, the work of James E. Fraser, was issued for the first time in 1913.

The quarter dollar, designed by Herman A. MacNeil, was first issued in 1916, and the half dollar, the work of Adolph A. Weinman, was issued in the same year.

The designs of coins may be changed every twenty five years. Congress, of course, may authorize a change at any time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-19041-T, dated December 16, 1924, of the accounts of Freas Styer, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., for the period April 1 to June 30, 1924.

Concerning suspension of voucher #121, Mears and Dwyer, $5.51, and voucher #407, McArdle and Cooney, Inc., $32.00, carried forward from Certificate of Settlement #C-17810-T, January 1 to March 31, 1924, the following is submitted:

Voucher #121, Mears and Dwyer, $5.51. The Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. states - "I am informed by that firm that although effort was made in rolling the sheet lead in question to weigh 12 pounds to the square foot, the resultant sheets did not conform to the pound per square foot as specified; in fact, it would be exceedingly difficult, if at all possible, to roll lead into sheets that would always weigh exactly a required number of pounds to the square foot. As the number of pounds called for in the bill for that lead furnished was received, the bill was paid irrespective to the pounds per square foot contained in the metal."

Voucher #407, McArdle and Cooney, Inc., $32.00. Bid of McArdle and Cooney, Inc., and acceptance is enclosed herewith, for the item suspended.

Settlement #C-19041-T, April 1 to June 30th.

Voucher #34, Edward J. Lynch, suspended 60¢. The Superintendent of the U. S. Mint states - "The amount paid Edw. J. Lynch was $71.36, the correct sum as noted by the Comptroller General. Error was made in copying from working sheet to payroll." It is not understood that the officer claimed expenditure of the 60¢ suspended.

Explanations to remove other suspensions noted in this certificate of settlement were made in letter of this office to you dated January 13, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1925.

Rev. John A. Hill,
P. O. Box 306,
Farmington, Mo.

Sir:

Your letter of January 13, 1924 addressed to Hon. James A. Reed has been referred by Senator Reed to this Bureau for attention.

There are three coinage mints in the United States, located at Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco.

I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the laws governing the coinage of money.

Respectfully,

M. W. McCoy

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 19, 1925.

Mrs. Mary H. Irons,
435 New York Avenue,
Rochester, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 16 please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins.

I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for information relative to the price paid by coin dealers for the coins in your possession.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 19, 1925.

Mr. George Cantone,
890 Broadway,
Revere, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 15 please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium for any issue of coins. I am returning the ten cent piece forwarded with your letter. It is not believed that coin dealers place any value on this piece.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 19, 1925.

Mr. G. H. Hough,
Room 8, Old Union Station,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 16 relative to the five-cent piece of 1883, please be adivsed that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and no coins have been "called in" by the Government. Five-cent pieces to the amount of $5,479,519 were coined in 1883.

Respectfully,

M. M. Neff

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 20, 1925.

The International Nickel Company,
67 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your invoice No. 20470 covering shipment of nickel shot to the United States Mint, San Francisco, is returned herewith. Will you please execute this bill on the enclosed form of voucher and forward the same direct to the San Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 30, 1925.

Mr. James R. Riddle,
210 Pacific Building,
Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 14 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

The Department has not under consideration the issue of a half dollar bearing the portrait of President Harding, and Congress has not authorized the issue of such a piece.

If it is not possible to obtain the coins you enumerate from the banks, I would suggest that you address the Treasurer of the United States, though coins are not segregated by years in the Treasury Department or Mints.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 20, 1925.

Miss Evelyn P. Warner,
7 Alden Street,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 19 please be advised that one-cent pieces to the amount of $71,600 were coined in 1922 at the United States Mint at Denver. The Mints do not, however, segregate coins by years and I am unable to advise you where one of these pieces may be obtained.

Respectfully,

Wm. A. Rawlins

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 20, 1925.

Mr. A. W. Ewert,
Rural Credit Board,
Pierre, South Dakota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 17 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

The silver used in the coinage of silver dollars is that purchased under the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918. All purchases of silver authorized by that Act have been made, and when the coinage under this Act is completed no further purchases will be made. The only purchases now being made consist of silver contained in gold deposits.

Subsidiary silver is purchased under the provisions of the following section.

Section 3526, R.S. "In order to procure bullion for the silver coinage authorized by this Title, the superintendents, with the approval of the Director of the Mint, as to price, terms, and quantity, shall purchase such bullion with the bullion-fund."

The latest circulation statement and mimeographed matter covering the monetary system of the United States are enclosed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 20, 1925.

Mr. Edw. McBride,
c/o Y.M.C.A., 1421 Arch St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 15 please be advised that the Stone Mountain coins were authorized by Act of Congress approved March 17, 1924. No coins are issued without authority from Congress. The Act provides that five million of these pieces may be struck.

The coins when ready will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and application for the coin should be made to that body.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 20, 1925.

Mr. J. F. Weathers,

Forest City, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 16 please be advised that the Stone Mountain coin, when ready, will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and application for the coin should be made to that body. They will not be distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Jn M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 20, 1925.

Mr. Herbert T. Wade, Acting Editor,
The New International Year Book,
10 East 43rd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 19 I take pleasure in enclosing an estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1924. No figures will be available on the world production for this period until the latter part of this calendar year.

A copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint has been forwarded to you under separate cover, which contains the latest information we have concerning the world production of gold and silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. Stanley

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 20, 1925.

Miss Mary Minshall,
222 East Buckeye Street,
Ada, Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 12 I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for information relative to the value of old coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 20, 1925.

Mr. William R. Bowker,
617 Sixth Street,
Cormacho, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 11 please be advised that the initials referred to by you as appearing on certain coins are those of the designer. The designers initials appear on all the current coins of the United States, except the one-cent piece.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 21, 1925.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
405 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

Your letter of January 20 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury suggesting the appointment of Mr. W. Godney Beatty and Mr. Edgar T. Willson as members of the Annual Assay Commission which meets at the United States Mint at Philadelphia on the second Wednesday of February, has been referred to this office for attention.

In response to your request I have taken pleasure in causing the names of these gentlemen to be placed on the list to be considered by the President some time this month.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1925.

Mr. A. Newton Plummer, Editor,
The National Financial News,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 20 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, which contains the latest information available on the world production of gold and silver, and the monetary stocks of gold and silver in the banks.

For information relative to capital, resources, deposits, etc., of National Banks I would suggest that you obtain a copy of the Report of the Comptroller of the Currency, which contains exhaustive statistics relative to banking stocks.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 22, 1925.

Office of Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find voucher of the Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana, amounting to $22.87, covering fifty per-cent of the expense, incurred during the quarter ended December 31, 1924, on account of water, electric light and coal for the building used in common by the assay office and the Prohibition Director at Helena, Montana, and paid by the Assayer in Charge.

Kindly cause the amount to be credited to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Helena, 1925."

Respectfully,

W. M. Rolph

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 22, 1925.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find for correction your bill G/12/17737, in amount $54.18, covering express charges on $5,000 in nickels, Philadelphia, Pa. to Memphis, Tenn., December 13, 1924. Extension of charges - 1,110 lbs. @ $4.44 cwt. - should read $49.28 instead of $49.68 as charged, making total amount of bill $53.78.

Upon receipt of corrected voucher same will be immediately placed in line for settlement.

Respectfully,

M. M. Polk

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 22, 1925.

Mr. Joseph M. Johnson,
10 Thrpby Street,
Piedmont, Mineral Co., W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 19 please be advised that the "w" type of the letter "u" is often adopted by artists and engravers as better suited for particular designs. The two types are used interchangeably, the selection of one or the other being a matter of artistic preference. The type to which you refer appears on other coins of the United States in addition to the silver dollar.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 23, 1925.

Mr. L. E. Stapleton,
General Delivery,
Mobile, Alabama.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 17 please be advised that the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia purchases gold scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value, the same being paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charged for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Payment is made for silver contained in gold deposits at the market rate of silver on the day of delivery, though the Department is not in the market for silver at the present time. The Government does not purchase platinum through the mints and no allowance is made for this metal when contained in gold deposits.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 22, 1925.

Mrs. W. S. Hamman,

Faulkton, S.D.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 14, I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you and have to advise that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Smaller quantities are not acceptable.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 22, 1925.

Mr. Geo. H. Slowey,

Beulah, North Dakota.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 22, 1925.

Lemon & Son, Inc.,
Seelbach Hotel Building,
Louisville, Ky.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of package containing jewelry scrap forwarded by you. As there is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the Government I have today mailed the scrap to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and have requested the Superintendent of that institution to communicate with you directly regarding the same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 23, 1925.

Marsh & McLennan, Inc.,
80 Maiden Lane,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Returned herewith please find your bill, in amount $94.64, for insurance on shipments by registered mail of gold and silver bullion for the month of December 1924. The item "Mint Bureau, Wash. to Assay Office, N.Y.C., Dec. 11, $481,425.00", has been incorrectly stated, the value as reported to you being four hundred eighty-one dollars forty-two and one-half cents ($481.425). The following items appear to cover shipments of coin and if so should be separately billed - to this office if shipments consisted of new nickels or cents; otherwise, to the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants:

Dec.	4 -	Mint	at	Phila.	to	F.R.Br.Bk.	Detroit	TFI#601 -	$ 75,000.00
"	4 -	"	"	"	"	"	"	602 -	50,000.00
"	8 -	"	"	"	"	"	Bk., Richmond	710 -	250,000.00
"	8 -	"	"	"	"	"	Br.Bk. Baltimore	720 -	50,000.00

Upon receipt of corrected bill same will be immediately passed for payment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 24, 1925.

John R. Sinnock,
71 St. Marys Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Meet me Hotel Touraine Tuesday morning twenty seventh ten o'clock.

R. J. Grant
Director Mint

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January 24, 1925.

Mr. J. G. Emison, Treasurer,
American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Emison:

Your letter of January 23, stating:

"Mr. Petsch is expected to arrive on 'Cedric' Monday or Tuesday."

has been received. I expect to leave here Monday night for Boston and hope to arrive in New York Wednesday morning when I will call you up, and if there are any matters we want to go into with the Polish representative I shall be glad to take them up with you.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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January 24, 1926.

Mr. Luther W. Lennox,
c/o Mexican Corporation,
Fresnillo, Zacatecas, Mexico.

Dear Luther:

Your letter of the 16th arrived here yesterday morning and yesterday noon I went over to see the Commissioner of Immigration. He states you will not have any trouble in holding that girl for a year from the date she crossed the border. The head tax is forfeited, but that is all. If you should want the girl to stay in the United States over a year you would have to take her back across the border and get a visa, then she could stay as long as she liked, as there is no Mexican quota to the United States. In the meantime I would let her stay where she is until the end of the year. If you should get any further notices or have any trouble write to me and send me whatever papers you may receive and I will take the matter up with headquarters, and I don't think you will have any trouble.

I wrote Mr. Shilling last night and told him to advise Lois of what I had done in order to save her any worry.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

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January 24, 1925.

Mr. O. P. Austin,
Statistician,
National City Bank,
New York City.

Sir:

In reply to your letter 88 of January 21, will state that this office is not aware of any statistics on the subjects mentioned by you for earlier years than those appearing in the Annual Reports of the Director of the Mint, except that in one or two instances estimates for earlier years appear in the Statistical Abstract of the United States.

If you will refer to pages 36; 38, and 81 of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for 1924, you will find tabulations of the gold production, consumption, imports and exports for series of years. In some cases the data have been combined for five year periods, but details can be found in earlier reports of the Director of the Mint.

In the course of reduction gold produced from new domestic ores, new foreign ores, and old material becomes mixed, and there is no method of determining the exact sources of particular bars of refined bullion because most refiners handle all kinds of material. It is therefore not possible to determine whether gold used in the arts and industries is drawn from domestic or imported bullion. It will be noted from the tabulations that the United States now consumes more gold in the arts than we produce.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 24, 1925.

Mr. T. T. Belote,
Curator of History,
National Museum,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Belote:

I have your letter of January 22 relative to procuring the coins desired for the collection. I think your suggestion that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia invite proposals is a good one. If you will send the list to this office we will forward it to the Superintendent and authorize him to invite proposals from different coin dealers. It will be of advantage to us if you will suggest a list of coin dealers to whom you believe a circular letter inviting proposals should be sent.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 24, 1925.

Mr. Hallie C. Blake, Chairman,
Finance Committee,
150th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington & Concord,
Lexington, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 22 please be advised that you are correct in your understanding that after the Association having charge of the issue of Lexington and Concord coins has decided upon the designs it would be necessary to have them presented in the form of plaster casts, passed upon by the Fine Arts Commission as to their artistic merit, and when approved by that body submitted to the Director of the Mint for the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. As soon as the approved models have been received at the Mint the master dies could be manufactured. This will take about two weeks. The coinage can be executed shortly after the completion of the dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 24, 1925.

Mr. John Spargo, President,
Bennington Battle Monument & Historical Association,
Bennington, Vermont.

Sir:

I have your letter of January 16. The bill authorizing the execution of coins to commemorate the Battle of Bennington has not yet been passed. Should this bill become law it would be necessary for the Association to submit to the Director of the Mint a model of each side of the design desired for this coin developed in plaster. Before the models can be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury they would have to be passed upon by the Fine Arts Commission as to their artistic merit.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 24, 1925.

Mr. C. H. G. Paynter,
c/o Mr. C. G. Paynter,
Box 163,
Lewes, Delaware.

Sir:

Your letter of January 22, together with deposit forwarded by you for assay has been received. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

A visual examination of your material indicates that it contains nothing of value. The rock will be held for two weeks subject to your instructions as to disposition, at the end of which time in the event we do not hear from you it will be destroyed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 24, 1925.

Mr. Roscoe A. Marvel, Manager,
Kenilworth Inn,
Biltmore, Asheville, N.C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 16, together with material forwarded by you for assay. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

A visual examination of your material indicates that it contains nothing of value. The rock will be held for two weeks subject to your instructions as to disposition, at the end of which time in the event we do not hear from you the same will be destroyed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 26, 1925.

Hon. S. Nagai, Director,
The Imperial Mint,
Osaka, Japan.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 23, 1924, and take great pleasure in forwarding herewith two specimens of the Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary coin.

It is noted in your letter that you are sending under separate cover a set of your subsidiary coins recently struck at the Imperial Mint, and upon their arrival I shall take great pleasure in placing them in the numismatic collection at our National Museum.

If we can be of any service to you at any time please call upon us freely.

With expressions of esteem and respect, I am,

Sincerely yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 26, 1925.

Mr. H. W. Robinson,
407 Central Avenue,
Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 22, in which you express a desire to obtain sets of uncirculated coins, I would suggest you apply to the Treasurer of the United States for such coins. The mint, while it manufactures coins, does not distribute them except on the order of the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 26, 1925.

Mr. Alexander H. Kerr,
331 West 8th St.,
Riverside, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date pleased be advised that the following number of standard silver dollars were executed in the years 1922, 1923 and 1924:

1922	$84,275,000
1923	56,631,000
1924	13,539,000

There is no way of advising at this time how many there will be coined in 1925. There remains to be coined under the Pittman Act approximately 25,000,000 standard silver dollars.

The so-called "Peace" design is the current design of the standard silver dollar.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 26, 1925.

Mr. William H. Hart,

Sac City, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 23 please be advised that the Grant memorial coins are distributed by the U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Monroe Doctrine coins may be obtained from the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California.

The Stone Mountain coins will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Application for the coins should be made to the distributing agencies indicated above. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1925.

Mr. Harry G. Carl,
R.F.D. No. 1,
Bennett, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 22 please be advised that the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals, etc., may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy, plus postage.

For information as to premiums paid for coins I would suggest you secure the catalogues of coin dealers and collectors. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1925.

Mr. Charles R. Burker,
Thos. T. Butler & Co.,
Anniston, Alabama.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 24 please be advised that this Bureau has not issued any document covering the production of gold in the Eastern or Appalachain States. It is possible you may obtain this information by addressing the United States Geological Survey.

I have requested the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office to forward a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint to you which contains some information on the subject.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 26, 1925.

Mr. Charles J. Bullock, Chairman,
Committee on Economic Research,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 24 please be advised that the estimate of the gold production of the world for the calendar year 1924 will not be ready until the latter part of this year. The information acquired by this Bureau is compiled from reports received from Consuls and foreign representatives of this Government in different countries. The interrogatories are sent out early in January of each year and all the replies are not in until late in the summer.

As of possible interest to you, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint covering the production of gold for the calendar year 1923.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 26, 1925.

Mr. A. Applebaum,
22 So. Maryland Ave.,
Atlantic City, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 23 I have taken pleausre in forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which contains a table showing the average price of silver over a period of years. For the silver in a silver dollar to be worth $.85 or more the market price of silver must be $1.09 or more per ounce.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1925.

Mr. Manuel Clark,
Fayetteville, Tennessee.

Sir:

Referring to your correspondence with the Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office, Salt Lake City, and particularly to your letter of December 15 addressed to him, and to his letter to you dated December 26, please be advised that this office has asked Mr. May for a report on your deposit, and he submits the following statement:

"April 4, 1924 this office received a common, ordinary sample of rock (not nuggets) to be assayed for gold and silver. The sample was tested and a trace of gold and no silver was reported to Mr. Clark April 5, 1924. Nothing was heard from him until December 15, 1924. His letter and ours in reply are enclosed.

The balance of the sample would have been returned to him had we known he wished it. We have no room to keep these samples and after about two months they are discarded, consequently his sample has been thrown away.

Mr. Clark is evidently laboring under a false impression as the material we received was absolutely worthless."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 26, 1925.

Mrs. T. H. Carter, Jr.,
111 W. Maple Street,
Winslow, Arizona.

Madam:

I am returning herewith twenty cents in stamps forwarded by you and have to advise you that there is no law prohibiting the manufacture of coins into jewelry.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 26, 1925.

Mr. Charles L. Bell,

Rockwood, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government does not purchase silver in the form of ore. At the present time the Government is not in the market for silver bullion, and I am unable to advise you where your material could be disposed of.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1925.

Mr. R. J. Wendt,
2437 Homer Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 21 please be advised that Congress has not yet authorized the issue of special coins commemorating the admission of California as a State. Special coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department and application for them should be addressed to the association having charge of their distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 26, 1925.

Mr. J. H. Harrington,
7620 S. Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 22 I am unable to advise you how you could keep track of the issue of new coins unless you were in position to follow legislation regarding them. As you are aware these coins are issued under special acts of Congress.

This Bureau will take pleasure in placing your name on the mailing list for a monthly statement of coinage, which will also include a list of new pieces. This statement may be of service to you.

Respectfully,

F. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1925.

Department of Agriculture,
U. S. Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find voucher, in amount $36.00, covering the assaying by the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. of 40 ore samples submitted by your Mr. Wm. H. Friedhoff during the calendar year 1924. Kindly draw check in favor of the "Director of the Mint" and forward same to this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1925.

Interior Department,
General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find voucher, in amount $28.80, covering the assaying by the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. of 32 ore samples submitted by your Mr. N. J. Fibush during the calendar year 1924. Kindly draw check in favor of the "Director of the Mint" and forward same to this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

January 26, 1925.

Rev. Wm. H. Dewart,
75 Mt. Vernon Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date enclosing a photograph of Christ Church, Boston, and suggesting that a portion of it be used in the design for the Lexington-Concord coin, please be advised that the association having in charge the commemoration of the battles of Lexington and Concord will be required to submit designs to this office. The Treasury Department will not undertake to procure designs for this coin. Before the designs for the coin will be considered by the Department they will have to have the approval of the Fine Arts Commission as to the artistic merits of the design the association desires to have used.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1925.

Mr. Leroy T. LaBore,
U.S. Post Office,
Osborne, Kansas.

Sir:

In reference to the Stone Mountain Memorial coin, please be advised that the distribution of these coins will be made by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and application for the coins should be made to that association. The Treasury Department will not distribute any of the coins. This office is not advised as to the date upon which distribution will begin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 25, 1925.

Hon. F. H. Gillett, Speaker,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Gillett:

I have your letter of January 24 relative to the design to be used for the Lexington-Concord coin.

I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of letter under current date addressed to Rev. William H. Dewart in regard to the proposed design.

This office is not in position, under the terms of this act, to procure designs for the coins. The designs selected by the Committee having the matter in chargeshould be submitted first to the Fine Arts Commission and then to this Bureau for the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1925.

Dear Mr. Congressman:

Referring to the bill amending the Pittman Act, as to approximately 4,000,000 ounces the allocation was merely tentative and before the silver was used for any purpose it was returned to the Pittman silver account. There was as to these 4,000,000 ounces, therefore, no materiality of the amount of silver which may have been in the subsidiary silver account. As to the remaining 10,000,000 ounces, at the time of the allocations of this silver and its use in subsidiary coinage, there was in the mints and assay offices of the Treasury, in accordance with the attached statement, more than enough silver to cover the number of ounces temporarily borrowed from the Pittman silver account.

At the present time, there has either been recoined into silver dollars, or there is in the Pittman silver account ready to be recoined as soon as the mints are available, enough silver to offset every silver dollar melted down in accordance with the terms of the Pittman Act.

Silver is largely a by-product of copper. The greatest producers of silver in this country are the large copper companies. It is estimated that of the silver produced in the United States which

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would be available for purchase under the amendment to the Pittman Act 95 per cent would come from the large refineries which treat principally copper, lead and zinc ores.

The Geological Survey states that the total number of silver mines and the total production of true silver ores are both very small.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Robert Luce,

House of Representatives.

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January 26, 1925.

Journal des Décorations,
106 Boulevard Saint-Germain,
Paris, France.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of January 16 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I have taken pleasure in asking a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924 to be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January [illegible], 1925.

Mr. Elby Black,
General Delivery,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays are at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1925.

Mr. F. A. Huber,
45 Garden Place,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 25 please be advised that the piece you describe is a "token" piece, many of which were issued by private parties during the period of the Civil War. They are not coins of the United States.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1925.

Mr. Paul Smith,
206 E. Michigan,
Tampa, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 22 please be advised that $224,000 in ten-cent pieces were coined in 1854.

The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and it is not known whether or not coin dealers place any particular value on ten-cent pieces of 1854.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1925.

Mr. A. C. Abrahams,
151 East 110th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Stone Mountain coins will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and application for the coins should be made to that body. The Treasury Department will not distribute these pieces.

The only way possible to keep informed as to the issue of new coins would be to follow the legislation. No special coins are issued without an act of Congress.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 29, 1925.

Mr. J. A. Ryal,

Athens, Tennessee.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1925.

Mr. Paul Lange,
Concordia College,
Oak Park, Illinois.

Sir:

Complying with your request of January 26 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, together with pamphlet covering the monetary system of the United States.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1925.

Mr. Bela R. Halderman,
The Franklin Reporter,
Franklin Grove, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 26 please be advised that Congress has not, as yet, authorized the issue of 50-cent pieces to commemorate the Battle of Bennington, and in the event of passage this office is not advised as to who will distribute the coins. Special coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

F. B. McKelvey

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1925.

Mr. Werner P. Meyer,
The Farm Journal,
Washington Square,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 28 please be advised that the publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals, etc." may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy.

The current designs of the following coins were first issued in the years indicated:

One-cent	1909
Five-cent.	1913
Dime	1916
Quarter.	1916
Half-dollar.	1916
Dollar	1921

Respectfully,

A. M. Bailey

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 28, 1925.

Mr. Ashton B. Hemphill,
Phoenix Chambers,
Holyoke Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 27 please be advised that the milling is on the flat surface of the coin, and the edge of the coin is the reeding.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1925.

Mr. Henry T. Barton,
Glenmore Distilleries Co.,
Owensboro, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 26 please be advised that there are two types of quarter dollar of current design in circulation. The first of these types issued did not have the stars below the eagle. An Act of Congress authorized a rearrangement of the stars in order to improve the artistic merit of the piece. Both types, of course, are legal.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 27, 1925.

Hon. Albert H. Vestal, Chairman,
Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

My attention has been called to S. 3895, a bill to authorize the coinage of silver 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Bennington and the independence of Vermont, which has been referred to your committee. Though this Department has not been requested to express its opinion on this bill, I would like to suggest the following objections to the enactment of this legislation.

In my judgment the coinage should not be utilized for profit to finance any project or commemorate any other events than those of great national importance to all of the people. The policy of issuing special coins opens the way to counterfeiting and makes the protection of the integrity of our coinage most difficult. The issue of special coins is not in the interest of the general public and usually satisfies a very limited demand. The practice introduces confusion into our system of coinage, is an unnecessary expense, and as actual results have shown special coins are not liked by the public. They are seldom absorbed for circulation. There are known instances of special coins having been refused in trade for the reason that the public is not familiar with them. In this connection I wish to submit for your consideration the following statement relative to special coins recently issued:

Special Coins	No. Authorized	No. Struck	No. Returned
Maine half dollar	100,000	50,000	
Pilgrim half dollar	300,000	300,000	60,000
Sesquicentennial half dollar	250,000	50,000	29,600
Stone Mountain half dollar	100,000	70,000	4,000 1
Grant half dollar	250,000	100,000	28,400
Monroe Doctrine half dollar	300,000	274,000	217,000 2
Huguenot-Walloon half dollar	300,000	142,000	55,000 3

1 Destroyed at the Mint; not returned.
2 On hand at close of Exposition; later offered at face value.
3 24,000 additional coins not called for.

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Within five years nine special coins have been authorized, and in addition five bills are now pending. The Act of September 26, 1890, provides that "* * * no change in the design or die of any coin shall be made oftener than once in twenty-five years from and including the year of the first adoption of the design, model, die, or hub, for the same coin * *". The authorization of so many special coins would appear to totally defeat the purpose of the protective section of the Act cited.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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Collect January 28, 1925.

Gutzon Borglum
Care Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Penal offense to publish photographs of coins

M. H. O'Reilly
Acting Director Mint

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January 28, 1925.

Hon. Randolph Perkins,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Perkins:

Replying to your inquiry of today please be advised that the Stone Mountain coins are to be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and application for the coins should be made to that body. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 30, 1925.

First National Bank,

Honey Grove, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 29, 1925.

Mr. E. C. Kennedy,
Box 679,
Del Rio, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 22 please be advised that the one-cent piece is composed of 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc. The five-cent piece is 75 per cent copper and 25 per cent nickel. The ten-cent piece is 90 per cent silver and ten per cent copper.

The Mexican 5 centavo piece is composed of pure nickel.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 31, 1925.

Hon. George K. Burgess,
Director, Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Burgess:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 29, and note with pleasure that you will be able to attend the sessions of the Annual Assay Commission which meets at the Philadelphia Mint, Wednesday, February 11.

The assay weights to be used by the Commission are now being tested by your Bureau, and I would very much appreciate it if you would take these weights with you to Philadelphia when reporting for the opening session. Should this prove inconvenient, please forward the weights to the Bureau after the tests have been completed and I will transmit them to Philadelphia by mail.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 31, 1925.

Mr. L. G. Stafford,
Rapides Grocery Co., Inc.,
Alexandria, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 28 please be advised that no Liberty Head five cent pieces were issued in 1913.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 31, 1925.

Mr. Robert H. Lyon,
Lyon, Conklin & Co., Inc.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 29 please be advised that $20.00 gold pieces were first struck in 1849, and the motto "In God We Trust" did not appear on these coins until 1866.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 31, 1926.

Hon. George K. Burgess, Director,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Burgess:

Replying to your letter of January 23; file No. II-2/Twn. 42456, regarding repaired assay weights, these weights are probably the same as were reported on at a previous date and were shipped to Denver through some mistake.

If you will be kind enough to send the weights to this office we will see that you are not further troubled with them.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 31, 1925.

Mr. J. Ross Corbin,
Chief, Metals Division,
Topographic & Geologic Survey,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 29, I have no knowledge of the alloy mentioned by you in your letter, and would refer you to the Metal & Thermet Corporation, 120 Broadway, New York City.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1925.

Mr. John R. Sinnock,
71 St. Mary's Street,
Brookline, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Sinnock:

I have your letter of January 29, and note that you state that - "if the prospects are good for a substantial increase in salary to correspond to those paid the engravers in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, this would make a great difference to me, because the salary is hardly sufficient to attract persons of training and ability." Before forwarding the recommendation for your appointment to the Secretary to be transmitted by him to the President, I deem it fair to inform you that that there is no prospect of the salary attached to this position being increased during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, nor during the following fiscal year. It is barely possible that an effort could be made to have the salary attached to this position increased, but it cannot be done until the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1927, and I cannot promise you that would be successful even at that time.

The appropriation bill which has just been signed by the President providing funds for the operation of the Mint Service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, provides that no increase in salaries can be made during that year over the rates now being paid.

After receiving this letter if you will wire me that you are still willing to accept the position I will be very glad to forward a recommendation to the Secretary of the Treasury for transmission to the President, in your behalf.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1925.

Hon. James B. Aswell,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Aswell:

Replying to your letter of January 31 enclosing a letter from Mr. L. G. Stafford, Alexandria, La., who desires to know how many "Columbia" nickels were issued in 1913, please be advised that the only nickels issued during that year were the so-called "buffalo" nickels, with the Indian head on the obverse and the buffalo on the reverse. There were coined in that year five-cent pieces to the amount of $3,682,941.95.

I am returning Mr. Stafford's letter herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1925.

Miss Annie H. Martin,
Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Dear Miss Martin:

I have your letter of January 28 requesting a small amount of Stone Mountain half dollars.

The Bureau is without authority to pay out any of these coins, as they are turned over by the Philadelphia Mint at face value to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, which body, it is understood, disposes of them at a premium. It will be necessary for you to make application to that association in order to obtain the coins. I regret that we cannot secure them for you from the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1925.

Mr. L. G. Thomas,
Route No. 2,
Stanfield, N.C.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1905.

Mr. G. Lambert,

St. Louis, Michigan.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 5, 1925.

Mr. Hollins N. Randolph, President,
Stone Mountain Confederate Memmental Association,
Hurd Building,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I have your letter of January 31. You are correct in your understanding that the Bureau is receiving a large number of inquiries relative to the Stone Mountain coins. This Bureau, however, would not be allowed to use your stationery or to handle these orders directly or indirectly. Those who inquire at this office in regard to obtaining the coins are instructed that application should be made to your association. Should orders in the form of checks or money orders be received at this office they will, of course, be returned to the writers with the request that the orders be sent direct to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1925.

Mr. W. W. James, President,
The Belton National Bank,
Belton, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 29 please be advised that application for Stone Mountain coins should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1925.

Mr. Prescott Keyes,

Concord, Massachusetts.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 31 please be advised that the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California, was designated as the agency to receive and distribute the Monroe Doctrine coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1925.

Mr. H. W. Robinson,
507 Central Avenue,
Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Sir:

Your letter of January 29 addressed to the Treasurer of the United States has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Please be advised that the Treasury Department does not sell sets of coins to coin collectors. Coins are not segregated by the Mints by years.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1925.

Miss Mattie G. Bean,
221 Highland Street,
Winchester, Kentucky.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 24 please be advised that the coin you describe corresponds to the Eagle, or $10.00 gold piece, of 1801. The denomination did not appear on the these coins in that year. The records of this Bureau do not disclose that private gold coins were issued as early as 1801. For information as to the numismatic value of the coin I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 3, 1925.

Mr. William Hesslein,
101 Tremont Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 31 please be advised that application for the Stone Mountain coins should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurt Building, Atlanta, Georgia. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1925.

Mr. Ben. J. Cook,

Lapoint, Utah.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, will assay ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1925.

Mr. C. T. Lundquiste,
213 5th Avenue,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date and your suggestions with reference to the quarter dollar are noted with interest.

With reference to the change in composition of this coin, please be advised that no change in the alloy could be made without authority from Congress.

Respectfully,

D. W. Bell

Acting Director of the Mint.

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General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-19714-T, dated January 5, 1925, of the accounts of Isaac H. Smith, Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York, N. Y. for the period April 1 to June 30, 1924. The Superintendent of the New York Assay Office submits the following explanations for removal of the suspensions noted:

"Voucher No. 477, Dykes Lumber Co. The bid of the above company specified certain stock sizes of lumber for immediate delivery at $.28 per board foot and the bid of the Wright Lumber Co., was $.48 per board foot. In view of the fact that the sizes bid on by the Dykes Lumber Co., were best suited to our needs and the rate per board foot was lower the bid was awarded to them. Although three bids were sent out only two bids were returned.

Voucher No. 505. American Oil and Supply Co. The above company bid $.08625 per pound, while the Mine and Smelter Supply Co., bid $.088 per pound, with another bid of $.085 for delivery in four weeks time. On Certification by the Assayer, Mr. E. G. Shields, that immediate delivery was desired the bid was awarded to the American Oil and Supply Co., their bid being $0.08625 against $.088 for immediate delivery.

Voucher No. 579, The A.& F. Brown Co. The bid was awarded to this company for the reason that they could make immediate repairs. The machine in question was in daily use and it was essential that it be repaired forthwith. Apparently the second bidder returned only one copy of his bid, which was forwarded with the original voucher, as we have no copy of same. Mr. C. R. Phillips, the Supt. of Machinery states however, that it is his recollection that their bid was higher and they could not give the prompt service necessary."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1925.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Returned herewith please find your bill #H/1/464, in amount $3.53, covering express charges on two shipments per Bills of Lading #497409 and 497410 attached. It will be noted that Bill of Lading #497410 bears instructions for billing to the Post Quartermaster, U. S. Marine Corps, Washington, D. C. and it is therefore requested that an amended bill be forwarded to this office to include the item covered by Bill of Lading #497409 only.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1925.

Miss Gertrude Thorner,
204 Buford Place,
Vineville, Macon, Georgia.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 2 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924. This Report contains a table of coinage from 1795 to date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1925.

Mr. Theodore Stanton,
138 George Street,
New Brunswick, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your card of January 31 I take pleasure in enclosing a statement relative to the history of the motto "In God We Trust" appearing on the coins of the United States.

Respectfully,

W. M. Hill

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1925.

Jaffe Products Company,
Havana, Cuba.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of January 27, please be advised that there are several qualitative methods of testing for the presence of silver, all of which require some knowledge of chemistry, as the presence or absence of interfering metals determine the procedure.

You are referred to the following standard text books for this information:

Qualitative Chemical Analysis by Prescott and Johnson.
Standard Methods of Chemical Analysis by Wilfred W. Scott.

Both of these books are published by D. Van Nostrand Company, 25 Park Place, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 5, 1925.

Mr. Grant A. Crissman,

Rockford, N.C.

Sir:

The sample of mineral submitted with your inquiry of February 2, is a sulphide of iron (pyrites). This mineral occurs widely distributed, and unless found in large quantities and easily accessible is of no commercial value.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Q. Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1925.

Hon. Walter H. Newton,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Newton:

Replying to your letter of February 2 please be advised that sets of Presidential medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia. The medals are sold for $1.00 each, plus postage, and medals of all the Presidents from Washington to Coolidge are available. Application for the medals should be made to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

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February 4, 1925.

Mrs. Alvin Laudin,
P. O. Box 193,
Genado, Texas.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 1 please be advised that in 1913 five-cent pieces to the amount of $3,682,561.95 were coined. It is not believed that coin dealers or collectors attach any premium value to the coins. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

D. M. Roth

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1925.

Mr. J. C. Jones,
609 N. Fifth Street,
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Sir:

Your letter of January 29 addressed to Hon. W. H. Sproul, has been referred by Congressman Sproul to this Bureau for attention.

The Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals states that the half dollar of 1853 carries the arrow heads at the sides of the date. It does not appear that the coin of this date was issued without arrow heads.

The catalogue referred to may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy, plus postage.

Respectfully,

Mr McReely

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 5, 1925.

The Director,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of a box from the United States Mint at Denver containing Class A, Standard Weights, Troy and Metric forwarded for transmission to your Bureau for checking.

If it is convenient to you this Bureau will appreciate it if you will cause a truck to call for these weights, Room 182 Treasury Department. If not convenient, and you will so advise us, this Bureau will arrange to have these weights forwarded to you by Treasury Department truck.

The weight of the box is 114 pounds.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 5, 1925.

Hon. Martin L. Davey,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Davey:

Replying to your letter of February 4 please be advised that I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924 to be forwarded to Mr. Burgett E. Yeo, Ravenna, Ohio. Mr. Yeo has been advised that the publication is being sent at your request.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 5, 1925.

Mr. Burgett E. Yeo,
270 West Highland Ave.,
Ravenna, Ohio.

Sir:

At the request of Congressman Davey I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 5, 1925.

Mr. E. W. Krieg, Purchasing Agent,
Shur-On Optical Company,
Rochester, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 3 please be advised that gold bars suitable for your purpose can be obtained from the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City. The law provides, however, that not less than $5,000 worth at a time may be disposed of by the Assay Office.

Bar charges are imposed when bars are requested in special sizes. For your information I am enclosing a copy of Table of Charges covering such transactions at the United States Assay Office, New York.

I would suggest that if you desire you address the Superintendent of the above named institution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 5, 1925.

Ross-Tacony Crucible Co.,
Tacony, Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of January 21 asking to be furnished with copies of bids and names of successful bidders covering recent purchases of graphite goods at the Mint in San Francisco, the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint states:

"The latest bids received for the No. 100 crucibles are as follows:

Jonathan Bartley Crucible Co. 9 7/8¢ per number.
Joseph Dixon Crucible Co., 10¢ per number, with 1% discount for cash.
Chicago Crucible Company, 13¢ per number, all delivered at the Mint, San Francisco."

It was found upon suitable experiments having been made that the Dixon Crucible Company's product has stood the test to the greater satisfaction of the officers of the United States Mint at San Francisco.

I would suggest that if you desire you address a letter to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco asking that he include you when he next goes into the market for bids on crucibles.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 5, 1925.

Mr. J. F. Brady,
The American Metal Market,
41 Cliff Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 3 I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924 to be forwarded to you. This publication contains a table showing the production of gold and silver for the calendar year 1923.

No preliminary estimates are made by this Bureau of the production of gold and silver for the world. Figures covering that information are usually ready some time late in the fall, and apply to the previous calendar year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 5, 1925.

Mr. G. R. Gerling,
308 North Third Street,
Burlington, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 3 please be advised that there has never been a law which prohibits the use of coins for ornaments, or their mutilation for that purpose. The law does prohibit the fraudulent reduction in weight of the coins with the intention of restoring them to circulation as coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 6, 1925.

Mr. J. W. Sayre,
Liberty Theatre Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 1 please be advised that no subsidiary silver coins have as yet been struck during the current calendar year, and will not likely be coined until late this year. The minor coins, five-cent pieces and one-cent pieces have been struck at the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

The mints do not segregate coins by years and are not authorized to pay them out except on the order of the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 6, 1925.

Federal Reserve Bank,
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 31 please be advised that the Act approved March 17, 1924 authorized the coinage of five million fifty-cent pieces to be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia. Applications for the coins should be addressed to that body, as the Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 6, 1925.

Mr. H. A. Boyd, Vice President,
The First National Bank of Ithaca,
Ithaca, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 4 please be advised that no dimes of the coinage of 1925 have as yet been struck, and none will likely be coined until late in the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 6, 1925.

Miss Esther F. Morris, Librarian,
Mankato High School Library,
Mankato, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Morris:

Replying to your inquiry of February 3 please be advised that the publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals" is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy, plus postage. I regret that we have no copies in this office available for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grunt
Director of the Mint.

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February 6, 1925.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your bill #G/12/17908, in amount $6.95, covering express charges on shipments covered by Government Bills of Lading #497387 dated December 16, 1924, and #497405 dated December 22, 1924. Charges supported by Bill of Lading #497405, $0.81, were paid in cash at time of delivery of the goods and the Bill of Lading later accomplished and mistakenly surrendered. This Bill of Lading covered 1 package containing 15 silver medals in cases and 25 bronze medals in cases, value $150.00, shipped December 22, 1924 from the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. to Hon. Charles S. Dewey, Asst. Secretary of the Treasury, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Bill of Lading #497405 has been withdrawn, for cancellation, from the submitted bill which is being passed this date for settlement in the amount of $6.14 which represents charges on shipment covered by Bill of Lading #497387.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 6, 1925.

Mr. G. C. Riddell,
Chief, Minerals Division,
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Riddell:

Referring to your letter of February 5 and subject matter of same about which we had a conference, I learn from the office of the Assistant Secretary that Mr. Newins of the Customs Service, whose office is located in the Interior Building, would be the official to consult in regard to this matter.

If I can be of further service to you wont you please advise me.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 7, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Attention Mr. Zbindin

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing for your files contracts entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, San Francisco, with the Western Foundry, Inc., and the National Ice and Cold Storage Company of California, for supplies during the current fiscal year. The contracts have been approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 7, 1925.

Mr. I. Samelson,

Memphis, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 5 please be advised that the Stone Mountain coins are being distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia, and application should be made to that body for the coins. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 7, 1925.

Semon Sachs & Company,
Greenwich & Morton Streets,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of February 5 relative to the average price of metallic silver over a series of years, I have forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924, on page 116 of which is a table giving the information you desire.

This Bureau possesses no statistics covering the price of silver nitrate.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 9, 1925.

John R. Simpsk,
71 St. Marys Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Please advise Bureau immediately your legal residence.

R. J. Grant
Director Mint

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February 9, 1925.

Mr. A. H. Van Voris,

Cobleskill, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 6 please be advised that Congress has not as yet authorized the coinage of 50-cent pieces commemorating the Battle of Bennington, the bill not yet having been signed.

I would suggest that you communicate with the Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Association, Bennington, Vermont.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 9, 1925.

Miss Mary Reno,
R. R. No. 7,
Lamar, Missouri.

Dear Miss Reno:

Replying to your letter of February 3 I take pleasure in enclosing two mimeographed pamphlets covering the monetary system of the United States.

The coinage mints are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

For information regarding paper money I would suggest that you address the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 9, 1925.

Mr. John P. Williams,
Box 466,
Davidson, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 7 please be advised that application for the Stone Mountain coins should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 9, 1925.

Hon. Bert M. Fernald,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Fernald:

Your letter of February 6 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint to be forwarded to Mr. E. F. Hitchings, Orono, Maine. The Department does not issue any other pamphlet covering coinage and purposely avoids issuing matter descriptive of the processes employed in coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 7, 1925.

Mr. E. L. Pennington,

Marianna, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 5 please be advised that application for the Stone Mountain coin should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Rurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia. I am returning herewith the 50-cent piece enclosed with your letter. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

It is understood that the association named above sells the coins at a premium.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 10, 1925.

Mr. J. H. Dussey,
Mena, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the two bags of mineral forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays are at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 10, 1925.

Mrs. Helen L. Richards, Librarian,
The Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital,
Towson, Maryland.

Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of February 6 please be advised that the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals, contains a description, and some illustrations, of the coins of the United States. This publication is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy, plus postage. I regret that we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 10, 1925.

Miss Cathrine Hartig,
443 W. 151 St.,
New York City.

Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 30 addressed to the U.S. Mint, Mutilated Currency Department, and stating you are enclosing a mutilated dollar bill. The bill was not enclosed in the letter.

The Mint does not handle mutilated paper currency, and I would suggest that you forward your bill to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. McCauley

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 10, 1925.

Mr. S. H. G. Paynter,
Box 163,
Lewes, Delaware.

Sir:

In accordance with your request of February 4 I am returning today under separate cover the material forwarded by you some time ago for assay.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1925.

Mr. S. W. Ellery, Vice President,
Copper Cities Bank,
Miami, Arizona.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia, has been designated as agent for the distribution of the Stone Mountain coins, and application should be made to that body for the pieces. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1925.

Mr. W. B. Vaughan,
142 Johnson Street,
Shreveport, La.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1925.

Mr. E. H. Camfield,
The Liberty Motor Co.,
Florence, Colorado.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W. M. Rueck

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1925.

Hon. Ed. B. Almon,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Almon:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of February 6, 1925, stating that a constituent of yours desires some information relative to the redemption of mutilated coins.

I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of Department Circular No. 55 covering the Issue, Exchange and Redemption of Money, and invite your attention to Section V, which covers the subject matter of your inquiry.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1925.

Mr. Wm. S. R. Eaton, Treasurer,
Lexington Trust Company,
Lexington, Massachusetts.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 9 please be advised that the Department is not aware that a Jamestown Memorial Half Dollar was issued under a special act of Congress.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1925.

Mr. R. W. Wood, Assistant Treasurer,
Research Corporation,
25 West 43rd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 5th relative to voucher in the amount of $2300, covering balance due on the Cottrell Installation at the New York Assay Office, please be advised that this voucher has been passed by the Comptroller and will be submitted to Congress for inclusion in the next deficiency bill passed by that body.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 11, 1925.

Mr. John Kaiser,
Box 28,
Marietta, Ohio.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 9, suggesting the issue of 50-cent pieces to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of American Union Lodge #1.

It will be necessary for you to secure an act of Congress to authorize the issue of the coins you suggest. The Treasury Department does not, of course, coin money on private account.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 11, 1925.

Miss Elsie Parkhurst,
Glassboro State Normal,
Glassboro, N.J.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 9 I beg to submit the following:

The gold mines of the United States are operated under private ownership. They are not Government owned.

The coinage of gold is free; that is, any owner of gold may take his metal to the mint and receive in payment its equivalent in gold coin.

There is no requirement that gold be registered before it is sold.

The amount of gold coined in the United States is determined by the demand for gold coins, as made known through the Federal Reserve System and banks.

The value of a dollar is said to rise or fall, in exchange, in accordance with its purchasing power in foreign countries. The intrinsic value of the silver dollar is governed by the price of silver, which changes from day to day, the same as other commodities.

I take pleasure in forwarding under separate cover mimeographed statements covering the monetary system of the United States, together with a pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 11, 1925.

Mr. W. L. Brown,
Central State Bank,
McKinney, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 6 please be advised that application for the Stone Mountain coins should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Recent commemorative coins may be obtained as indicated below:

Missouri -	Sedalia Bank & Trust Company, Sedalia, Missouri.
Alabama -	First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.
Maine -	State Treasurer, Augusta, Me.
Pilgrim Tercentenary -	National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.
Monroe -	Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California.
Grant -	U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Assn., 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Huguenot-Walloon	Fifth National Bank, New York City.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1925.

Mr. Harry T. Wilson, General Secretary,
American Numismatic Association,
535 N. Sawyer Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I take pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your letter of recent date enclosing membership card, and I appreciate your courtesy in making me an honorary member of the American Numismatic Society.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Grant

Director of the Mint.

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February 12, 1925.

Survey of Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of January, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Unrefined domestic gold	- 87,029.625 fine ozs.
Unrefined domestic silver	- 70,655.44 " ".

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 12, 1925.

Mr. W. H. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of January, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Domestic unrefined bullion	-	70,855.44	fine ozs.
Foreign " "	-	204,092.86	" "
Foreign silver coin	-	197.45	" "

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 12, 1925.

Hon. W. H. K. Stevens,
Mayor of Newark,
Newark, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 3 please be advised that the coin you refer to is undoubtedly the Stone Mountain Coin, authorized by Act of Congress approved March 17, 1924. These coins are being distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia, and application for the coins should be made to that body.

A catalogue descriptive of the coins in the numismatic collection of the United States Mint was issued in 1913, and may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy. I regret that there no copies of this publication in this office available for gratuitous distribution. The collection covered by this work has recently been transferred from the Mint at Philadelphia to the National Museum, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

J. M. McRaily

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 12, 1925.

Mr. Ellis S. Wright,
239 East 128th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 11 in which you invite attention to the abrasion of certain features of the quarter dollar. This matter is now under consideration by the Mint, and the Department appreciates your interest.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 12, 1925.

Mr. Claude Dunlap,

Moweq, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 9 please be advised that the coin you describe is of nickel-bronze composition, of the denomination of one cent. These coins were minted from 1857 to 1864.

The Liberty head five-cent pieces were first coined in 1883.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 13, 1925.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
c/o Tiffany & Company,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

Before leaving Philadelphia I had forwarded to you your Assay Commission medal. I take this opportunity to express the regret of the Commission that you were unable to reach Philadelphia during the sessions.

I also forwarded two of the Hamilton medals, which I hope you will accept from me.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 13, 1925.

Mr. David S. Moore,

Hillsboro, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 10 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 13, 1925.

Mr. W. H. Roquemore,
Atlanta Street,
Barnesville, Ga.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 11 please be advised that the piece you describe is not a coin of the United States. These gold pieces were of private issue, placed in circulation in California. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City for information as to their numismatic value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 13, 1925.

Mr. H. T. Williams,
2925 North Park Boulevard,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of February 8, requesting quarterly conversion rates for 1924 between the Haikwan Tael and the United States dollar, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I take pleasure in enclosing the quarterly statement "Value of Foreign Coins" covering the calendar year 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 14, 1925.

Mr. N. A. Merrell,
R.F.D. No. 1,
Riverside, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 8, I have taken pleasure in causing a Report of the Director of the Mint to be forwarded to you under separate cover.

The set of Presidential medals, from Washington to Coolidge, are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for $1.00 each, plus postage. Application for the medals should be addressed to the Superintendent of that institution.

Application should be made to the Post Office Department and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the reports of these establishments.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 14, 1925.

Mr. Norman E. Hinkel,
1335 E. Price Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 13 please be advised that the Stone Mountain coins are being distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia, and application should be made to that body for the coins.

This Department has no knowledge of the contemplated issue of Hudson-Fulton coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 14, 1925.

Mr. W. L. Munkel,

Green Island, Iowa.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 14, 1925.

Mr. W. Frank Witman, President,
Market Street Trust Company,
Harrisburg, Pa.

Sir:

At the request of Hon. Frank C. Sites I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" and Department Circular "Value of Foreign Coins."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 14, 1925.

Mrs. V. H. Dowdy,
616 Linden Avenue,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that many hundreds of Columbian half dollars are in circulation and it is not believed coin dealers pay a premium for this coin. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

February 14, 1925.

Miss Daisy Reddy,
17 Wesley Street,
Newman, Ga.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 12 please be advised that application for the special coins you desire should be made as indicated below:

Huguenot-Walloon	-	Fifth National Bank, New York City.
Pilgrim Tercentenary	-	National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 14, 1925.

Mr. Frank H. Innes,
Hugot Building,
St. George, Staten Island,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of February 13 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention.

The letter has been read with much interest, but the Department has no appropriation which could be applied to the demonstration suggested by Dr. Lamontte covering the process claimed to have been invented by him for the protection of coins from duplication and counterfeiting. Your interest in the matter, however, is appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 16, 1925.

Mr. Clarence Lambert.
643 Summer Street,
Holyoke, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 14, this Department is unable to advise you where you might obtain a small piece of gold ore such as you describe. The Government does not sell gold in the form of ore, and does not dispose of gold bullion in small quantities.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 16, 1940.

Mr. Chas. F. Gentry,
436 S. Church Street,
Spartanburg, S.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 12 enclosing an article entitled "Valuable Coins", please be advised that this Department has no means of ascertaining the truth of the statements made therein. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. For information regarding the numismatic value of coins of the United States I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 16, 1925.

Mr. W. C. Whitwell,
206 Quarry Street,
Ithaca, New York.

Sir:

At the request of Congressman Stalker I have taken pleasure in guasing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 16, 1925.

Toledo Stamp Company,

Toledo, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of February 14 please be advised that application for $2.50 gold pieces should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

The Presidential medal are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for $1.00 each, plus postage, and application for these medals should be made to the Superintendent of that institution.

This office has no record of having received a previous request from you enclosing $5.00.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 16, 1925.

The Chairman,
The Commission of Fine Arts,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing a letter received today from the Secretary of War forwarding a sketch of a design proposed to be used for the Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial celebration. In accordance with Executive Order dated July 28, 1921 I have to request that your Commission pass upon the artistic merits of this design. This Department will appreciate hearing from you as promptly as possible for the reason that the time for preparing this coin for issue is very limited.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:
Letter
2 sketches

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February 17, 1925.

Director of Supply,
Bureau of Supply,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The schedules of articles to be purchased by the General Supply Committee in definite quantities for use during the fourth quarter of the present fiscal year, forwarded with your memorandum of February 2, 1925, are returned herewith. This Bureau will not require any of the articles listed during the fourth quarter of this fiscal year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1925.

Mr. George L. Crawford,
10626 Elgin Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

I have your voucher in amount $111.87 for reimbursement of expenses while in attendance at the sessions of the Annual Assay Commission at Philadelphia and note that it includes the following items:

Wages lost while away from work . . .	$20.00
Miscellaneous	7.00
Telegrams	2.00

I am sorry to have to state that the item of "wages lost" is not considered by the accounting office of the Government a necessary travel or subsistence expense which is authorized to be reimbursed. The accounting officers also decline items stated as "miscellaneous" and where charges are made for telegrams it must be shown that the telegram pertained to the Government business.

I am inclosing another voucher form for your use in case you desire to resubmit your claim. If you prefer that the voucher already submitted be used it will be necessary for this office to disregard the charge for "wages lost" as well as the other two items unless you are in a position to fully itemize the miscellaneous item and furnish further information concerning the charge for telegrams.

Regretting the necessity of bringing these matters to your attention, I am

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F:f

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February 17, 1925.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher, in amount $8,548.72, payable from the "Special Fund-Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold." It is requested that the proceeds of the check in payment be deposited in the Treasury by C. D. to the credit of the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1925", as reimbursement on account of recoinage into dollars of silver bullion purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918.

Will you kindly indicate on the accompanying duplicate letter the C. D. number and date and return to this office for our information.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

enc.

February 17, 1925.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher, in amount $2,561.44, payable from the "Special Fund-Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold." It is requested that the proceeds of the check in payment be deposited in the Treasury by C. D. to the credit of the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1925", as reimbursement on account of the refining of silver bullion purchased under the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918.

Will you kindly indicate on the accompanying duplicate letter the C. D. number and date and return to this office for our information.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

enc.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 17, 1925.

Hon. Scott Leavitt,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Leavitt:

Replying to your letter of February 16 please be advised that the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia, has sole charge of the distribution of the Stone Mountain coin, and applications for the coin should be addressed to that body. It is understood that the Association disposes of the coin at a premium.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1925.

Hon. H. W. Cummings,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Cummings:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 14 stating that Mr. J. Wilson Aurand of Mt. Carmel, Penna., has written to you requesting passes to visit the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

For the purpose of more closely guarding the large amount of coin and bullion on hand, all of the mints and assay offices have been closed to visitors. This Bureau would like to accede to your request and direct the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to admit Mr. Aurand on your account, but the Department does not deem it advisable to make an exception. I feel sure you will appreciate the urgent need of the precaution now being taken and the position of the Department in its effort to adhere impartially to the decision to close the mints to visitors for the present.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 17, 1925.

Mr. Wallace Robertson, President,
The Beatrice National Bank,
Beatrice, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 14 please be advised that the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia, has sole charge of the distribution of the Stone Mountain coin, and your application should be addressed to that body.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 17, 1925.

Mr. J. H. Wade,
P. O. Box 371,
Draper, North Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 15, please be advised that the pencil rubbing you enclose is that of the Grant Memorial coin, 100,000 of which were issued in 1922. Their issue was authorized by act of Congress and the coins were distributed by the U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins and issues no coin circular.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1925.

Hon. Tasker L. Oddie,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Oddie:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of February 14, 1925, enclosing a copy of Serial 9, "European Currency and Finance". Your kindness in forwarding this volume is very greatly appreciated. The document will be added to the library of this Bureau and referred to with much interest and profit.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1925.

Mr. J. Callaghan,
158 Seymour Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 13 please be advised that the manufacture of proof coins was discontinued by the mints several years ago. I regret that we cannot be of service to you.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 18, 1925.

Mr. Olof Olson,
Macbrae Farm,
Flemington, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date I would suggest that you write to the Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D.C., for information relative to the exchange value of German money.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 19, 1925.

Dr. Paul C. Campbell,
257 E. Delavan Avenue,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

Responding to your request of February 17 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins which indicates the agencies charged with their distribution. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 19, 1925.

Mr. Geo. H. Proud, Cashier,
The National Exchange Bank,
Newport, Rhode Island.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 17 please be advised that application for the Stone Mountain coins should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia. The coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 19, 1925.

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The National Exchange Bank,
Newport, Rhode Island.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 19, 1925.

Mr. Edward Heinle,
465 Park Front,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 13 please be advised that there is no law prohibiting the mutilation of coins. It is illegal, however, to fraudulently reduce the weight of the coins with the intent to place them in circulation.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reeb

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 19, 1925.

Mr. William Wood,

Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Your letter of February 14 addressed to the President has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention.

Thank you for your courtesy in forwarding the clipping relative to the design on the quarter dollar.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 19, 1925.

Miss Mary Cummins,

Farmington, Montana.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 9 please be advised that the Government does not coin money on private account. Gold is purchased by the Government in the form of bullion when the deposit approximates or exceeds $100.00 in value, and the same is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine. Smaller quantities are not purchased.

Respectfully,

Dr M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 19, 1925.

Mr. D. R. Barrett,
R. D. No. 3,
Medina, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 16 please be advised that no Liberty head nickels were coined in 1913. The five-cent piece of the Buffalo type was first coined in 1913, when $3,682,961.95 in this denomination were coined, and it is not believed that coin dealers pay a premium for them. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 19, 1925.

Mrs. Seth Washer,
R.F.D. No. 3,
Johnson, Vermont.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 16 please be advised that the gold piece you describe is not a coin of the United States. Fractional gold coins were issued by private parties following the discovery of gold in California. The Government does not pass upon questions of numismatics, but the fact that the piece is mutilated destroys its numismatic value.

The other coin to which you refer is a three-cent silver piece of the United States, first coined in 1851 and discontinued in 1873.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 19, 1925.

Mr. Charlie J. Sternes,

Tyler, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 16 please be advised that application for the Stone Mountain coins could be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia. The Treasury Department does not distribute these coins.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 19, 1925.

Mr. Robert B. Neelen,
168 Saranac Avenue,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

Responding to your request of recent date I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins which indicates the agencies charged with their distribution. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 19, 1925.

Mr. William E. Kissack,
W. C. 1,
Washington, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 16 please be advised that this Bureau has no knowledge of the whereabouts of Mr. William Kissack, of whom you inquire.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 19, 1925.

Superintendent of Documents,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of a request from one of the universities of Europe for copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint, 1914 to 1924 inclusive. The Department would like to comply with the request of the University by forwarding these reports gratuitously.

Will you please advise this office if you can supply us with the reports asked for, and if so and you will forward them to this Bureau we will transmit them through the International Exchange Service.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 20, 1925.

Credito Italiano,
63 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of February 19 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you through the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 20, 1925.

Mr. W. A. Bloedel,
Merrill Theatre Building,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 17 please be advised that the only silver now being purchased by the mints is that contained in gold deposits.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 20, 1925.

Miss Mary Lowder,

Lincoln, Kansas.

Madam:

Replying to that part of your letter of February 15 with reference to the circulation of coins, please be advised that the coins are paid out on the order of the Treasurer of the United States to the banks throughout the country. The amount of circulation depends wholly upon the demand made on the Treasurer for particular denominations of coin.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 20, 1925.

Mr. Henry C. Ezekiel,
Kemper Lane Hotel,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 18, together with money order in the sum of $2.00 to cover the cost of one Navy medal in bronze. Your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, as the medals are on sale at that institution.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 20, 1925.

Mr. J. C. Miller,

Lesterville, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of February 18 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 20, 1925.

Miss Mildred W. Sandoe, Librarian,
Grandview Heights Public Library,
Columbus, Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 12 I regret to advise you that there are no copies of the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in this Bureau available for gratuitous distribution. This publication may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy, plus postage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 20, 1925.

Syracuse Motor Car Co., Inc.
312 West Genesee Street,
Syracuse, New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of February 17 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, purchases gold scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The deposit is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. No allowance is made for platinum contained in such deposits.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 20, 1925.

Hon. Selden P. Spencer,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Spencer:

Replying to your letter of February 19 I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Act approved March 17, 1924, which it is believed is the Act referred to by your constituent. It is understood by this Bureau that the coins which are now being made at the Philadelphia Mint are to be sold at a premium, as is customary with all special coins. They are, however, delivered to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association at face value in accordance with the Act. The accepted design carries on one side the figures of Jackson and Lee on horseback, and is understood to be a detail of the carving to be executed on Stone Mountain.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 20, 1925.

Mr. Rogers Winter, Publicity Director,
Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association,
Hurt Building,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 18, I am enclosing an extract from the Penal Code of the United States, Section 171, as amended. You will not be allowed to reproduce the coin in connection with your publicity.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 20, 1925.

Rev. Ira L. Livingston,
210 N. Monroe Street,
Rushville, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 17 I take pleausre in forwarding herewith mimeographed pamphlets covering the monetary system of the United States.

The Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection, containing descriptions of the coins of the United States and foreign countries, is on sale at the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at $1.00 a copy, plus postage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 21, 1925.

Miss Antoinette Hanley,
34 Calumet Street,
Roxbury, Mass.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 19 please be advised that the one-cent pieces of 1909 bearing the initials of the designer of the coin, Victor D. Brenner, do not command a premium, as millions of these pieces were placed in circulation. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 21, 1925.

Mr. Charles M. Beall,
118 North 7th St.,
Wilmington, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 19 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins issued by the mint, indicating the agencies charged with the distribution of the coins. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 21, 1925.

The Quartermaster General of the Army,
Surplus Property Division,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia has advised this office that the Quartermaster's Depot, Inland Warehouse, 21st and Oregon Ave., Philadelphia, has in stock 12,634 yards of No. 9 canvas duck, 36" wide, which could be used by the Philadelphia Mint in the manufacture of coin bags. It is understood that this material is similar to a lot recently purchased by the Mint at 30 cents per yard, less 15%.

Will you please advise this Bureau if the material may be declared surplus and made available for purchase by the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 21, 1925.

The Berger Manufacturing Company,
Corinth and Pearl Streets,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of February 16 I have to submit the following:

The gold and silver coins of the United States are composed of 900 parts precious metal and 100 parts copper alloy. The five-cent nickel piece is composed of 75% copper and 25% nickel. The one-cent piece contains 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 21, 1925.

Mr. George L. Crawford,
C/o William Taylor Sons & Company,
Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

In conformity with correspondence concerning your voucher for reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses while in attendance at sessions of the Annual Assay Commission at the Philadelphia Mint recently, the voucher is being approved for payment in the sum of $32.67 and is being forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint for payment.

You will doubtless receive check within the next ten days.

Respectfully,

W. McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 24, 1925.

Mr. A. W. McMidowney,
704 South Negley Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. McMidowney:

I have your voucher covering railroad fare to and from Philadelphia while attending the sessions of the Annual Assay Commission. It is noted that you include charges for railroad fare and Pullman only. No items covering your hotel expenses are included in the account. Do you not wish to add hotel expenses?

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 24, 1925.

Miss Annie H. Martin,
Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Dear Miss Martin:

I am returning herewith your application for service credit, form 3-R 32, and have indicated in pencil the schedule of your employment as shown by the records of the Bureau, which must appear on this form. Will you also please indicate the period from which deductions will commence on your payroll under the retirement act. It is suggested that you begin deductions on March 1, covering the period from February 16, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1925.

Mr. Daniel J. Thompkins, President,
United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 21 please be advised that your Bond No. 811521, dated January 13, 1925, in the sum of $30,000 covering John H. Keefe, Cashier, United States Assay Office, New York, was approved by this Department under date of February 9, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 24, 1925.

Mrs. C. V. Pierce,

La Moure, North Dakota.

Madam:

Replying to your card of February 19 I take pleasure in enclosing mimeographed matter covering the monetary system of the United States. The Government purposely avoids publishing information descriptive of the methods employed in the manufacture of money.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 24, 1925.

Mr. Frederick A. Bonsal,
P. O. Box 120,
Goshen, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your card of February 21 please be advised that the Stone Mountain Coins will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurt Building, Atlanta, Georgia. Application should be made to that body for the coins.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 24, 1925.

Mrs. J. Shadbalt,
3850 N. Albany Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 19 please be advised that the coinage of gold dollars was discontinued in 1889, and there are none of these coins in the Mints or in the Treasury available for distribution. The smallest denomination in current gold coin is the $2.50 piece. These have not been coined for several years, though it may be possible to obtain specimens of these coins by making application to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 24, 1925.

Mr. T. H. Martin,
44 Fourth Street,
Attleboro, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 21 please be advised that the one-cent piece of 1909 bearing the initals of the designer, Victor D. Brenner, does not command a premium, as millions of these coins were placed in circulation. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 24, 1925.

Mr. C. Allen,
Box 74,
Everett, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 16 please be advised that the weight of a $10.00 gold piece is 16.7185 grams, and contains 900 parts gold and 100 parts copper, the weight of the pure gold content being 232.2000 grains.

The silver dollar weighs 26.7301 grams, and contains 900 parts silver and 100 parts copper, the weight of the pure silver content being 371.2500 grains.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 24, 1925.

Mr. Donald J. Grubb,
High School,
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 19 please be advised that the Stone Mountain coins will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and application should be made to that body for the coins. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

MR

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 24, 1925.

Hon. Albert H. Vestal,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

Will you please execute the jurat on the enclosed voucher covering your expenses incurred in attending the sessions of the Annual Assay Commission, and return the voucher to this office in order that it may be put through for payment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

February 25, 1925.

Superintendent of Documents,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to our request of February 19, this Bureau is today in receipt of copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years 1914, 1916 and 1922, for which we wish to thank you. This Bureau will very greatly appreciate it if you will be able to furnish us with the eight remaining Reports called for in our letter of February 19, namely 1915, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1923 and 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 25, 1925.

Mr. W. J. Bieger,
716 Quincy Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 21 please be advised that the following coins were minted during the calendar year 1924:

$20.00 gold pieces
Standard Silver Dollars
Quarter Dollars
Dimes
Five-cent pieces
One-cent pieces

I would suggest that you apply at the Cashier's office, Treasury Department for these coins. It is not the practice of the mints or the Treasury Department to segregate coins by years, though you may be able to obtain the coins listed above of 1924 coinage from the Cashier, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 25, 1925.

Hon. Morris Sheppard,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Sheppard:

Your letter of February 21 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Government does not publish any information covering the numismatic value of coins and medals, and does not, of course, pay a premium on any issue of coins or medals. For information regarding the value of the medal commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence, I would suggest that you advise your constituent to write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 25, 1925.

Miss Helen M. Munger,
Readers' Service Bureau, Collier's,
416 West Thirteenth Street,
New York City.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 21 please be advised that the Government does not pass upon the numismatic value of coins, and I am unable to advise you as to the price which might be obtained by collectors for the pieces you describe.

For information as to the value placed on certain coins by collectors I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 25, 1925.

Mr. John B. Walsh,
159 West 1000 Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Walsh:

I have your letter of February 21 relative to your position in the New York Assay Office. I expect to be in New York within a few days and will take this matter up with the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 26, 1925.

Mr. Joseph A. McFord, Treasurer,
Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association,
Hurt Building,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

I have your letter of February 21 relative to transportation charges on shipping coins from the mint for the Stone Mountain Monumental association.

I regret that I am unable to give you the rates charged by the Post Office Department from Philadelphia to the various points indicated in the enclosure in your letter. I would suggest that you address the Post Office Department and obtain a list of rates directly from that Service.

In reference to the insurance now covering shipments by the Government, the contract under which the Treasury Department is working is made applicable to shipments on Government account only. I would suggest that it might be possible for you to enter into an arrangement to have special insurance rates to cover the shipment of these special coins. The present contractor doing business with the Government is Marsh & McLennan, 90 Maiden Lane, New York City. A former firm carrying this contract was Delanoy & Delanoy, 2 Wall Street, New York City, either of which firms it might be well for you to address directly.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

February 26, 1925.

Mr. George K. Burgess,
Director, Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Burgess:

I am sorry to have to advise that as the law prescribes a maximum allowance to Government personnel of $5.00 a day for subsistence charges while in a travel status I am unable to approve in full your voucher covering traveling and subsistence expenses while acting as a member of the Annual Assay Commission at the Philadelphia Mint from February 10 to 12, 1925. However, I am this date forwarding voucher to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for payment in the sum of $27.21, deduction of $4.75 being made account excess of $1.00 on February 10 and $3.75 on February 11 over the $5.00 per day subsistence allowance.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 25, 1925.

Mr. W. L. Glenn,
United States Assay Office,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Glenn:

Your letter of February 21 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to the silver dollars was referred to this Bureau for attention. The Secretary appreciates your interest in the matter and directs me to acknowledge your letter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 26, 1925.

Mr. W. B. Vaughan,
142 Johnson Street,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

Sir:

The sample submitted with your letter of February 8 is silicious iron rock, and contains no precious metals.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 26, 1925.

Mr. Burgett E. Yeo,
270 West Highland Avenue,
Ravenna, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 24 please be advised that the Fifth National Bank, New York City, has charges of the distribution of the Huguenot-Walloon half dollars, and application for those coins should be made to that bank.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 26, 1925.

Mr. Bert C. Thomas,
P. O. Box 416,
Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 18 please be advised that application for the Stone Mountain coins should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hart Building, Atlanta, Georgia. The Treasury Department will not distribute these coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 26, 1925.

Mr. Godfrey S. Kroth,
406 N. Homan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 23 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate a copy of the last annual Report of the Director of the Mint, on page 88 of which you will find a table of coinage by mints during the past ten calendar years.

The Mint at San Francisco coined $44,310 in one-cent pieces in 1912.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 26, 1925.

Miss Blythe Johnson,
Box 336,
Reedsport, Oregon.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 18 please be advised that there are three coinage mints in the United States, located at Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco. The Mint at New Orleans discontinued coinage operations in 1910 and is now operated as an Assay Office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 26, 1925.

Mr. E. Titus Black,

Selo, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 23 I regret to advise you that this Department is without any knowledge as to the statements of coin collectors in regard to the number of coins minted, our only record being that of the Report of the Director of the Mint, a copy of which you apparently have.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 25, 1925.

Mr. Martin L. Stanesby,
9 Oak Bank,
Muncaut, Accrington.

Sir:

I have your letter of February 13 and take pleasure in forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years 1915 and 1924, in which you will find an estimate of the world's stock of gold covering the calendar years 1914 and 1923. Figures covering the stock of gold in the world for 1924 will not be available until late in the present calendar year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 26, 1925.

Mr. M. D. Bailey,
108 St. Anthony St.,
Mobile, Alabama.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 21 please be advised that thousands of Columbian half dollars are in circulation, and it is not believed coin dealers pay a premium for the coins. The Government, of course, pays no premium for any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 26, 1925.

Miss Ivah Richards,

Mansfield, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 23 please be advised that $3,682,951.95 in five-cent pieces were coined in 1913, and it is not believed that coin dealers pay a premium for these coins. The so-called Buffalo design was first coined in 1913 and has been the only type of five-cent piece issued since that date.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 26, 1925.

Mr. Eric Heyl,
34 Summit Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 18 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins which indicates the agencies charged with their distribution. Special coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 26, 1925.

Department of Finance,

Ottawa, Canada.

Gentlemen:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1924. This information is used for statistical purposes.

Thanking you for your past cooperation in this matter and anticipating its continuance, I am

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

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February 26, 1925.

The General Manager,

The Canadian Bank of Commerce,

Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1924. As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals, for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

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February 26, 1925.

The Royal Bank of Canada,

Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of U. S. gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1924. As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals, for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

E. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

T:r

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 26, 1925.

Bank of Montreal,

Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of U. S. gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1924. As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals, for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

Now includes "Molson Bank".

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 26, 1925.

The Standard Bank of Canada,

Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of U. S. gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1924. As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will by used only for compilation of totals, for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

Now includes "Sterling Bank"

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 26, 1925.

La Banque Nationale,

Quebec, Canada.

Gentlemen:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of U. S. gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1924. As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals, for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

T:f

Now includes "Banque de Nochelaga"

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 26, 1925.

The Sterling Bank of Canada,

Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of U. S. gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1924. As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals, for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

Now amalgamated with "Standard Bank of Canada".

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February 26, 1925.

The Molsons Bank,

Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of U. S. gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1924. As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals, for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

Now amalgamated with "Bank of Montreal".

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Tebruary 26, 1925.

The Dominion Bank,
Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of U. S. gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1924. As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals, for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

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February 26, 1925.

The General Manager,
Banque d'Hochelaga,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of U. S. gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1924. As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals, for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

Now amalgamated with "Banque Nationale".

February 26, 1925.

The Secretary,

Union Bank of Canada,

Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Sir:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of U. S. gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1924. As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals, for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,

Director of the Mint.

F:f

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February 26, 1925.

The Bank of Nova Scotia,

Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of U. S. gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1924. As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals, for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

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February 26, 1925.

The Bank of Toronto,

Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of U. S. gold coin held by you at the close of the calender year 1924. As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compliation of totals, for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

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February 26, 1925.

The Provincial Bank of Canada,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of U. S. gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1924. As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals, for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 26, 1925.

The General Manager,
Imperial Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:

This office would appreciate information concerning the amount of U. S. gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1924. As heretofore, the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for compilation of totals, for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 27, 1925.

Mr. H. D. Peters,

Keysville, Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise that a visual examination indicates that it contains no precious metals.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 27, 1925.

Mrs. H. F. Ross,
7029 Idlewild Street, E.E.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the gold scrap forwarded by you and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government. The United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Smaller quantities are not accepted.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 27, 1925.

Miss Marguerite Geer, Librarian,
Public Library,
Marshall, Michigan.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 24 I regret to advise you that there are no copies of the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals, etc.," in this Bureau available for gratuitous distribution. This publication may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy, plus postage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 27, 1925.

Mr. Prescott Keyes, Chairman,
Nineteenth of April Committee,
Concord, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 26 the following information is submitted:

The coins authorized by the Act of January 14, 1925 will be turned over at the Mint in Philadelphia to the agent named by the United States Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial Commission. The number of coins to be minted will depend largely upon the wishes of the Commissioned named, but it is customary in such cases for the Commission to take the coins from the mint as fast as they can dispose of them. As the Department has no jurisdiction over the sale of these coins it is not in position to suggest the number that should at first be called for by the Commission.

In reply to your second inquiry I have to again advise you that the United States Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial Commission will have jurisdiction of the distribution, and the Department will not undertake to distribute the coins.

Payment must be made by the agent named by the Commission to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia upon the delivery of the coins at the Mint.

The coins will not be shipped on Government account, therefore the Commission will have to decide how the same will be shipped.

It will be against the law to use a line cut or facsimile of the coin in any form for advertising or for any purpose.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1925.

Hon. Edward T. Taylor,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Taylor:

I have your letter of February 26 enclosing for the consideration of the Department a letter received by you from Mr. Richard Aronstein of Mesa, Colorado, proposing a plan for coinage.

Mr. Aronstein's proposal has been carefully read, but in the opinion of this Department the suggestion contained in his letter would not be feasible for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:

Blue print and text
of Mr. Aronstein's plan.

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February 28, 1925.

John R. Simnock,
71 St. Marys Street,
Brookline, Mass.

It is expected that your nomination will be sent to the Senate today for confirmation In order to complete the record send a telegram today worded as follows to Senator George W. Pepper Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. I am a resident of Philadelphia and lifelong Republican seeking appointment as Engraver of the Mint in that city and respectfully request that you sponsor my appointment if nomination reaches the Senate for confirmation

R. J. Grant
Director Mint

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

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February 28, 1925.

Mr. G. S. Davault,

Gans, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government does not pass upon the numismatic value of domestic or foreign coins, and pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City for the information you seek.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

February 28, 1925.

Rev. Paul O. Jackson,
Route 1, Box 9,
Aldie, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 26 please be advised that the Government does not purchase gold in the form of ore, and there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

February 28, 1925.

Miss Anne E. Thomas,
110 N. Plum Street,
Richmond, Va.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 25 please be advised that the Government does not pass upon questions of numismatics.

I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you desire.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 2, 1925.

Mrs. E. C. Winfree,

Mount Gilead, N.C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 25 please be advised that the Government does not purchase gold jewelry scrap in smaller quantities that an amount sufficient to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The material you describe would not be sufficient to permit the Government to purchase it.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 2, 1925.

Guttag Brothers,
16 Exchange Place,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of February 28 please be advised that models of the Lexington-Concord coin have not as yet been submitted to this Department for approval by the Secretary.

When the coins are issued they will be distributed by the agents designated by the United States Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial Commission, and will not be distributed through the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 2, 1925.

Mr. Harry Hassler,

Amherst, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 26 please be advised that in 1884 silver dollars to the number of 28,136,875 were coined. The Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins, and no coins have been called in.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 2, 1925.

Mr. Samuel H. Ranck, Librarian,
The Grand Rapids Public Library,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 28 please be advised that the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy, plus postage. I regret that there are no copies of this publication in this Bureau available for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

MR

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 2, 1925.

Mr. W. A. Berridge,
Director of Research,
Brown University,
Providence, R.I.

Sir:

In response to your request of February 28 I have taken pleasure in enclosing a statement covering the preliminary estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1924. The final figures will not be available for several months. However, the experience of this Bureau has been that the preliminary figures very closely approximate the final figures each year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 3, 1925.

Mr. Horace Maynard,

North Bend, Oregon.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the samples of ore enclosed in your letter of February 21 and have to advise that there is no place in Washington, D.C., where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, will assay ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 3, 1925.

Mr. G. S. Rickenbach,
808 Inwood Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 9 please be advised that 24 carat gold, or gold 1000 fine, is valued at $20.67 per ounce. A pennyweight of pure gold would be worth one-twentieth of that amount.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 3, 1925.

Mr. D. A. Pohl,
201 Archwood Ave.,
Akron, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 28 please be advised that the records of this Bureau indicate that in the years 1793-1795 there were coined $204,791 in silver dollars. There is no record of the number of dollars coined of the particular type to which you refer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 3, 1925.

Miss Margaret Greeley,

Gilbert, Minnesota.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 27 it is suggested that you may be able to procure from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., a copy of the publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals", in which you will find a brief history of the national coinage. I regret that we have no copies of this document for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 5, 1924.

Mr. H. L. Andrews,
12 Burlington St.,
Woburn, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 28 please be advised that the Mint at Philadelphia is engaged in coining one-cent pieces, and one application to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., you will undoubtedly be able to secure some of the issue of 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 5, 1925.

Mr. Christian Petersen,

Attleboro, Mass.

Sir:

Referring further to your letter of January 8, 1925, relative to the position of Engraver at the Mint in Philadelphia, please be advised that the President has appointed Mr. John R. Sinnock Engraver at that mint.

I am returning under separate cover the catalogue and photographs of sculptural work forwarded by you, and I appreciate the interest you have taken in this position.

Respectfully

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 3, 1925.

Mr. Emil Peterson, Principal,
Ingomar Public Schools,
Ingomar, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 27 please be advised that the Monore Doctrine centennial half dollars may be obtained from the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California, that organization having had charge of the distribution of the coins. The Treasury Department does not distribut special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 3, 1925.

Mr. C. C. Cole,
6720 Bennett Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 26 I have to submit the following:

No one-cent pieces were coined by the Denver Mint in 1921 or 1923. In 1924 that mint manufactured 2,520,000 one-cent pieces.

No one-cent pieces were coined at the San Francisco Mint in 1922.

The initial referred to by you as appearing on the one-cent piece of the Indian head design is an "F", and is that of the designer, Frasier.

The mints do not segregate coins by years, but it is suggested that a few specimens of the one-cent pieces of 1924 may be obtained upon application to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver. Coins are paid out by the mints only on the order of the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 3, 1925.

Mr. A. H. Burroughs, Jr.,
Vice President and Manager,
Talache Mines, Inc.,
Talache, Idaho.

Sir:

Your letter of February 26, relative to Senate Bill 2917, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

In reply, please be advised that the Department is not in position at this time to advise you what policy would be adopted should the bill referred to by you become law.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
MR

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 3, 1925.

Mr. William H. Smiley, Superintendent Emeritus,
Denver Public Schools,
414 Fourteenth Street,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Mr. Smiley:

I have your letter of February 28 relative to the desire of Mr. Richard Crawford Campbell to present a commemorative medal to the honor boy at each of the five senior high schools of Denver.

I am very much interested in the suggestion and would like very much to be of assistance to you in carrying out this suggested plan. However, the law prohibits the mints from manufacturing any dies other than national dies. Should you desire to have the dies made outside of the mint and forward the same to me, the medals themselves could be struck at the mint from the dies furnished by you.

Please let me know if I can be of further service to you in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 5, 1925.

Mr. B. Mieczyanski,
1522 W. 17th Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 2 please be advised that this Department has not yet been informed who will act as agents for the distribution of the special coins mentioned in your letter. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins, but turns them over at face value to designated agents acting for the associations interested in the special coinage for distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 5, 1925.

Mr. L. Rudolph,
214 Clinton Ave.,
Jersey City, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 4 I would suggest that some of the information called for in your letter may be obtained from the Report of the Director of the Mint. This Report is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for 65 cents a copy. The Reports for the fourteen years covering the period mentioned in your letter are likely to be at your service at any of the large libraries near you.

I am unable to advise you where you may obtain information concerning the five large consumers of gold and the amount consumed by them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 5, 1925.

Mrs. L. B. Grove, Librarian,
Public Library,
Talladega, Alabama.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 2 I would suggest that you address the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which it is understood is sold for sixty-five cents a copy. This is the only publication covering the work of the Bureau of Mint. I regret that we are not supplied with sufficient copies to send you one gratuitously.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 6, 1925.

Mr. Riley O. Scheib,
Williamstown,
Dauphin County, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of March 5 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, together with check for $50.00, and enclosing a five-cent piece, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The only type of five-cent piece manufactured in 1913 was the so-called Buffalo nickel, the design of which was first adopted in that year. The last year in which coins of this denomination bearing the head of Liberty were struck was 1912. In 1913 five-cent pieces to the amount of $3,682,961.95 were coined, all of the Buffalo design.

I am returning herewith your check and five-cent piece.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 6, 1925.

The Secretary,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I take pleasure in forwarding herewith for inclusion in the Numismatic Collection of the United States, four subsidiary coins struck at the Imperial Mint, Osaka, Japan, transmitted to this Bureau by the Director of the Imperial Mint. The receipt of these coins has been acknowledged by this Bureau with the information that the pieces have been turned over to the National Museum.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 6, 1925.

Hon. S. Nagai,
Director of the Imperial Mint,
Osaka, Japan.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the four subsidiary coins struck at the Imperial Mint, and mentioned in your letter of December 23, 1924. I have taken pleasure in forwarding these coins to the National Museum for inclusion in the numismatic collection.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 6, 1925.

Mrs. R. S. Martin,

St. Matthews, South Carolina.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 3 please be advised that the Governments pays no premium on any issue of coins, and to the knowledge of this Department coin dealers and collectors do not pay a premium for the 1913 issue of Buffalo nickels. The Buffalo design was first adopted in that year and thousands of pieces were coined.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 6, 1925.

Mr. Edmund W. Blum,

Mascoutah, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 28 please be advised that coins are not segregated by years in the Mints or in the Treasury Department.

I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for information relative to the coins you desire.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1925.

Mr. A. H. McDonald,
Editor-in-Chief,
Americana Corporation,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 5 I take pleasure in enclosing a preliminary estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1924. The final figures covering this production will not be ready until some time late in the summer.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 6, 1925.

Hon. Gilbert N. Haugen,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Haugen:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of March 2 enclosing a letter from Mr. I. J. Wendt, Mason City, Iowa, requesting information relative to the sale and values of old coins.

The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not publish any literature covering the numismatic values of coins. I would suggest that you advise your constituent to write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th St., New York City, for the information he desires.

I am returning Mr. Wendt's letter herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1925.

Mrs. Gertrude R. Robinson,
81 Park Avenue,
Newton, Massachusetts.

Madam:

Your letter of February 27 addressed to the Post Office Department has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Harding bronze medal may be obtained from the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. This medal is on sale at that institution for $1.00, plus postage, and is one of a series of Presidential medals.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 7, 1925.

Mr. J. E. Jones,
U.S. Press Association,
1343 F Street,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 5, the following is submitted:

Cent: Copper coin equal to one hundredth part of a dollar. Use first authorized in 1792. There is no "penny" in American coinage.

Nickel: Derives its name from the composition of the coin.

Dime: Tenth part of a dollar: name probably derived from the French, dixieme.

Quarter: Obviously one quarter of a dollar.

Dollar: The derivation is generally supposed to come from the German word Thaler, and this in turn takes it name form the silver coins struck about 1525 in the mining region of Joachimsthal in Bohemia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 7, 1925.

Mr. Walter Garbula,
503 W. Bridge St.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 27 please be advised that the United States has never coined a gold piece of a lower denomination than $1.00. Some fractional gold coins were struck by private assayers which passed as money in California following the discovery of gold in that State. Their issue was not legal, however, and was suppressed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 7, 1925.

Mr. A. G. Abrahams,
131 E. 110th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 3 please be advised that this Department has not yet been informed in regard to the agents who will be designated to distribute the Bennington, California, and Vancouver coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 7, 1925.

Miss Tinnie Margolis,
44 Burton Street,
Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Miss Margolis:

Replying to your letter of March 5 please be advised that the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals, on sale at the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy, contains a brief history of the coins of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1925.

The Secretary,
Fine Arts Commission,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing photostat copy of the sketch of the Lexington-Concord coin, together with a photostat copy of the plaster model delivered by Mr. Chester Beach to the Mint in Philadelphia.

This letter will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 5, 1925, approving the design and models of the coin.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1925.

Mr. Martin P. Williams,
1610 R. Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 6 please be advised that no $1.00 gold pieces have been coined since 1889, and there are none of these coins in the Treasury or in the Mints. The American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, may be able to advise you where might obtain a specimen of this coin.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1925.

Mrs. Martha L. Trotter,
General Delivery,
Ensley, Alabama.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 5, I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you in locating the whereabouts of John Milligan. The records of this Bureau do not disclose any business dealings with the party named.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 7, 1925.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher, in amount $4,117.82, payable from the "Special Fund-Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold." It is requested that the proceeds of the check in payment be deposited in the Treasury by C. D. to the credit of the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1925", as reimbursement on account of recoinage into dollars of silver bullion purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918.

Will you kindly indicate on the accompanying duplicate letter the C. D. number and date and return to this office for our information.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 9, 1925.

Memorandum for Mr. C. C. Van Loer:

I am returning the memorandum of Mr. Robert L. O'Brien, left by you at this office this morning, together with enclosures attached.

It is noted that Mr. O'Brien suggests that there could be assay offices for the reception of metal without the full equipment of a coinage plant. Metal deposited at an assay office is now shipped to a mint for coinage purposes. The only object the Government has in acquiring metal is to convert it into coinage.

In the estimation of this Bureau the idea of concentrating the coinage operations at one point is entirely impracticable. The cost of transporting the metal to a central mint and the finished coins to all parts of the country would make an arrangement of this kind inadvisable, unworkable and very expensive to the Government and to the people.

In reference to Mr. O'Brien's understanding that other nations in the world utilize but one mint, please be advised that Great Britain has two mints, Germany has six mints, India has two mints, Australia has three mints, and China has nine mints.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 9, 1925.

H. Boker & Co., Inc.,
101 Duane Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 7 requesting permission for Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Boker and son to visit the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

For the purpose of more closely guarding the large amount of coin and bullion on hand, all of the mints and assay offices have been closed to visitors. This Bureau would like to accede to your request and direct the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphit to admit Mr. Boker, his wife and son, but the Department does not deem it advisable to make an exception. I feel sure you will appreciate the urgent need of the precaution now being taken and the position of the Department in its effort to adhere impartially to the decision to close the mints to visitors for the present.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 9, 1925.

The Chief Superintendent,
Finance Department,
Government of India,
Delhi, India.

Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of the publication entitled "Reports on the Administration of the Mints at Calcutta and Bombay for the year 1923-4 with a review."

The Report has been added to the library of this Bureau and will be referred to with much interest and profit.

I am enclosing card of formal acknowledgment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 9, 1925.

Mr. Jonathan Miller,

Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 6 please be advised that silver dollars were coined from the beginning of coinage operations in 1793 to 1805. From 1806 to 1835 no silver dollars were coined. From 1839 the coinage of silver dollars continued without interruption, except for the year 1858, to 1873. Coinage in this denomination was resumed in 1878 and continued until 1904, from which date until 1921 no silver dollars were coined. Silver dollars are now being manufactured at the mints.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 9, 1925.

Mr. O. L. Cox,
Barrow & Co.,
Fenton, Miss.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 7 please be advised that $2,500,000 in Columbian half dollars were issued in 1892 and 1893, many thousands of which are in circulation today. I am unable to advise you where to apply to obtain a specimen of these coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 9, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The American District Telegraph Company, New York City, has requested that they be furnished with one copy of the contract entered into by them with the United States Assay Office, New York City, for the fiscal year 1925. If more than one copy of this contract is on file in your office will it not be possible for you to send a copy to this Bureau for transmission to the American District Telegraph Company.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 9, 1925.

Mr. J. S. Sargent,
c/o Jugson Hill,
7 Ninth Street,
Greenville, S.C.

Sir:

The material submitted by you upon examination is found to be mica clay, and is of no commercial value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 9, 1925.

Mr. Eugene P. Boyd,
Union and Planters Bank Building,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 6 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of clay are made by the Government for the public. If you will write to the Bureau of Mines, Interior Department, Washington, D.C., it is believed that office can furnish you with a list of commercial firms who analyze clays.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 9, 1925.

Mr. G. L. Blakeslee, Assistant Cashier,
Buffalo Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 6, relative to "Harding Memorial half dollars", it is possible you have reference to the special coins issued in commemoration of the commencement of work on the Stone Mountain memorial and in memory of President Harding, as no half dollars have been issued other than these in memory of the late President. The Stone Mountain coins may be obtained upon application to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurt Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

A Harding medal was issued bearing the date of the death of the President, which is one of a series of Presidential medals, and these medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for $1.00 each.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 16, 1925.

Director, Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D.C.

Sir: Subject: Weights from San Francisco Mint.

Replying to your letter of March 3 in regard to 72 weights sent from the San Francisco Mint for correction, if you will kindly certify that the weights are correct within .005 milligrams that will be entirely satisfactory. If any of the weights do not come within that requirement I wish you would be kind enough to return them to the manufacturer and have the errors corrected.

Thanking you in advance,

Very respectfully yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 9, 1925.

Mr. L. R. Arnold, Cashier,
The Brotherhoods Cooperative National Bank,
Spokane, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 3 relative to handling gold in its rough state, after having been removed from the ore, I would suggest that you get in communication with the smelters and refiners. I know of no way by which you could determine the monetary value of gold bullion other than that of having it assayed. Gold bullion is sold to the Government at the United States Assay Office in Seattle, and it is paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after the value has been determined by melting and assaying, and charges for this work are imposed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 10, 1925.

Mr. Irvin White,
Danville High School,
Danville, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 7 please be advised that it is not unlawful to destroy coins of the United States for the purpose of analysis. It is illegal to mutilate coins with the intention to fraudulently reduce them in weight and return them to circulation as current coin.

Respectfully,

M. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 10, 1925.

Miss Antonia H. Froendt, Secretary,
The Huguenot-Walloon New Netherland Commission,
105 East 22nd Street,
New York City.

Madam:

Your letter of March 7 addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, relative to two sets of plaques of the design of the Huguenot half dollar, has been referred to this office for attention.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of Section 171 of the Penal Code, which prohibits you from purchasing or owning such plaques.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 10, 1925.

Mr. E. G. Grady, Cashier,
Baltimore Branch, Federal Reserve Bank,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

I have delayed replying to your letter of March 3 for the purpose of determining whether or not the Philadelphia Mint had on hand any small scales for the weighing of gold coin. I find they have such scales at the mint, though they probably need some adjustment. I would suggest that you communicate with the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, who has been authorized to take this matter up with you directly.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 11, 1925.

Mr. Hoke Wood,
Box 154,
Mt. Dora, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 7 please be advised that there are three coinage mints in the United States, located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. The letter "S" appearing on the coins indicates they were made at the San Francisco Mint, and "D" that they were struck at Denver. Coins struck at the Mint in Philadelphia are recognized by the absence of a mint mark. The Mint at New Orleans, which does not now operate as a coinage institution, had as its mint mark the letter "O", while the Mint at Carson City, also discontinued as a coinage mint, placed the letters "CC" on its coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 11, 1925.

Miss Eloise Andrews,
Box 27,
University, Alabama.

Madam:

Your letter of March 5 addressed to the Department of the Interior has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, together with mimeographed pamphlets covering the monetary system of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1925.

Mr, Geo. A. Beach, Cashier,
The National Union Bank,
Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 5 please be advised that the subsidiary silver coins of the United States, the half dollar, quarter dollar, and dime, are legal tender for amounts not exceeding $10.00 in any one payment. They may be presented in sums or multiples of $20.00 to the Treasurer of the United States for redemption or exchange into lawful money.

The minor coins of nickel and bronze are legal tender to the extent of 25 cents. They may be presented for redemption or exchange under the same conditions as are provided for subsidiary silver coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 11, 1925.

Mr. J. O. Emison, Treasurer,
American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Emison:

Replying to your letter of March 10th in regard to the 100,000 ounces of silver sent to the Philadelphia Mint for the Polish coinage, it is possible that we may want to use the silver within a short time. I am going to Philadelphia on Tuesday and will be in New York Thursday and Friday, and will take the matter up with you then, if that is time enough.

Mr. Gliwic came in here Monday to report that the sample coins taken over from Philadelphia by Mr. Potsch were very satisfactory and hoped that we would be able to rush the re-coining of the two-zlote pieces. He also insisted that I agree to start on the five-zlote pieces at an early date. I told him we would try and have enough of the two-zlote pieces ready for shipment on a boat that sails April 7th, and would know by that time whether we could attempt the coining of five-zlote pieces.

The 100,000 ounces of silver in question can be recalled at any time without any inconvenience to us, but unless you want it in a hurry I suggest you wait until we talk the matter over next week.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 11, 1925.

Mrs. C. C. Cotton,
1620 N. B Street,
Elwood, Ind.

Dear Mrs. Elwood:

I am sorry to be under the necessity of having to return your voucher for reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with your attendance at the sessions of the Annual Assay Commission at the Philadelphia Mint in February.

The accounting officers of the Government are strict in their examination of Government expense vouchers and will not allow travel expenses that are not necessarily incident to the duty involved in the travel authority.

It is therefore suggested that you submit on the inclosed blank voucher form an amended bill of expenses charging the same amount for car fare from Philadelphia to Elwood as was charged from Elwood to Philadelphia, $26.53. The extra expenses incident to return by way of Washington will not be allowed by the accounting officers. It is noted in this connection that the same amount was charged (correctly) for berth on sleeper both to and from Philadelphia.

It is also suggested that the charge for hotel bill while in Philadelphia be carried on the voucher as $7.00 instead of $7.40, the 40¢ representing telephone calls while at the hotel, not a necessary expense chargeable to the Government.

It is noted that the item of $2.50 for breakfast and dinner on February 11th carried on the memorandum voucher does not appear on the original.

Upon receipt of amended voucher I will be pleased to approve and forward it promptly to the Mint at Philadelphia for payment.

Respectfully,

E. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1925.

Mr. E. Meinemann,
Berlin-Schoneberg,
Rossbachstrasse 5,
Germany.

Sir:

Herewith please find abstract from your Borsen-Jahrbuch with amendments as per your request of February 23, 1925.

Under separate cover is being forwarded a copy of the Treasury Finance Report for the fiscal year 1924 in which will be found some of the corrected figures appearing on the inclosed.

Upon publication of your revised Borsen-Jahrbuch I will be pleased to receive a copy.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 12, 1925.

Sir:

In conformity with letter of the Charge d'Affaires ad interim dated March 2, 1925, I have the honor to inclose two additional copies of the Interrogatories of the Director of the Mint concerning gold and silver in the United Kingdom during the calendar year 1924.

Our records have been corrected to show that five copies of the Interrogatories are desired in the future.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

To the Embassy of the United States of America,

London, England.

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March 12, 1925.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper,

Editor, The World Almanac.

Sir:

The World Almanac is being placed on the permanent mailing list of this office to receive our Annual Report. This Annual Report covers each fiscal year ending June 30, with regard to operations of the Mints and Assay Offices, and the prior calendar year as regards the world monetary statistics. This Annual Report comes off the press about December 1 of each year.

The above information is furnished in reply to your letter of March 11, 1925.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

March 12, 1925.

Mr. Roy S. Claycomb,
497 Central Avenue,
East Orange, New Jersey.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 11 requesting permission for yourself and party of twelve boys to visit the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

For the purpose of more closely guarding the large amount of coin and bullion on hand, all of the mints and assay offices have been closed to visitors. This Bureau would like to accede to your request and direct the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to admit you and your party, but the Department does not deem it advisable to make an exception. I feel sure you will appreciate the urgent need of the precaution now being taken and the position of the Department in its effort to adhere impartially to the decision to close the mints to visitors for the present.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 12, 1925.

Mr. Emerson J. Sheehy,
Continuation School,
Rensselaer, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 2 I take pleasure in transcribing for your information a copy of Section 3519 of the Revised Statutes:

"Any owner of gold bullion may deposit the same at any mint to be formed into coin or bars for his benefit. It shall be lawful, however, to refuse any deposit of less value than one hundred dollars, or any bullion so base as to be unsuitable for the operations of the Mint."

Section 25 of the Act of February 12, 1873 provides "that the charge for converting standard gold bullion into coin shall be one-fifth of one percentum * *."

Section 2 of the Act of January 14, 1875 repeals that provision.

When silver bullion is required for subsidiary coinage it is purchased at the market price of silver on competitive bids. For silver contained in gold deposits the market price on the day the purchase is received is paid.

The law provides that silver dollars shall contain 371.25 grains of silver. The difference between the cost of the silver purchased at the market price and the face value of the $1.00 piece into which it is converted by coinage is the seigniorage.

The coinage of gold is free. Silver is coined on Government account only.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 12, 1925.

Mr. Edward C. Stone, Chairman,
Town Committee, One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary
of the Battle of Lexington.
Lexington, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of March erroneously addressed to the Director of the Mint, Philadelphia, has been forwarded by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to this office.

You would not be allowed to use photographs of the plaster models of the commemorative coin for the Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial. Section 171 of the Penal Code, copy of which is enclosed, prohibits the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 12, 1925.

Mr. Jacob Holland,
43 Bartlett Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

At the request of Hon. George W. Lindsay, House of Representatives, I have taken pleasure in forwarding under separate cover mimeographed circulars on the monetary system of the United States, together with a circular of information relative to coins and medals of the United States.

As of possible interest to you I would suggest that you might obtain from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., a copy of a book entitled, "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals". I regret that we have no copies of this publication available for gratuitous distribution. It is sold by the Superintendent of Documents for $1.00 a copy, plus postage.

As this material is being sent at the request of Congressman Lindsay, a copy of this letter has been forwarded to him.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 12, 1925.

Mr. James M. Hay,
Route 12,
Defiance, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded with your letter of March 9 for assay, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 13, 1925.

Mr. Herbert L. Bishop,
Box 29,
Chelmsford, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of March 11 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

This Department has not yet been advised who will act as agent for the distribution of the Lexington-Concord coins. As you are perhaps aware, special coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department. It is suggested that banks in Lexington or Concord would take your order for these coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1925.

Mr. H. A. Peatross,

Penola, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your card of March 12 please be advised that the Government does not purchase gold or silver in the form of ore. The Government purchase gold in the form of bullion when deposits are made in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value, and this is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

The Government is not in the market for silver, and coins are struck on Government account only.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant.
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 13, 1925.

Mr. Julius Block,
737 Shirley Avenue,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 11 relative to letters appearing on the coins of the United States, please be advised that the initials of the designers appear on the following coins:

Silver Dollar, AF, for the designer, Mr. Anthony de Francisci.

Half Dollar, W, for the designer, Mr. Adolph A. Weinman, who was also the designer of the Dime.

Quarter Dollar, M, for the designer, Mr. Hermon A. MacNeil.

Five-cent nickel, F, for the designer, Mr. James E. Fraser.

The initials V.D.B. were removed from the one-cent piece of 1909 after several thousands had been coined for the reason that they were too prominent.

In addition to the above, coins are distinguished by "mint marks". Coins struck at the Mint in San Francisco bear the letter S, those struck at Denver the letter D, while the coins struck at the Philadelphia Mint are to be recognized by the absence of a mint mark.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 13, 1925.

Mr. Campbell Bosson,
Chamberlin & Bosson,
30 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 11 please be advised that in 1921 $231,000 in dimes were coined. This coinage was executed at the Philadelphia and Denver mints.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 13, 1925.

Miss Lura E. Harrison,
c/o U.S. Bureau of Efficiency,
Washington, D.C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 12 please be advised that the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals is on sale at the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy. I regret that there are no copies of this publication in this Bureau available for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1925.

Mr. N. P. Thomas,
Dennison Manufacturing Company,
Framingham, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 9 please be advised that it is probable that the Department will coin a limited number of quarter eagles in time to satisfy the small demand which comes during the holidays, but no great number of these coins will be minted.

An Act recently passed by Congress authorizes special coins for the sesquicentennial celebration in Philadelphia in 1926 in the $2.50 denomination but these coins will of course be special pieces and will not be for general circulation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1925.

The Western Union Telegraph Co.,
14th and G Sts., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith sub-voucher #11, charge 48¢, of your bill #104 covering telegrams transmitted during the month of January, 1925. Bill covering charges on this sub-voucher should be sent to the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal. for payment. Charges on all telegrams originating at Mint Service field offices should be billed the respective offices as there is no disbursing officer in Washington having funds chargeable with the expenses of transmitting such messages. Mint field offices have directions not to transmit messages to Washington "collect."

Deduction of 48¢ has been made, in view of the above, and bill approved for payment in the sum of $9.12.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 13, 1925.

William B. Dana Company,
138 Front Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of March 12 requesting copy of the last edition of the Report of the Director of the Mint I beg to advise that this Report is published annually and distributed about the first of December.

Our permanent mailing list has for several years included the name of the William B. Dana Company, 138 Front Street, New York, and the name of The Commercial and Financial Chronicle, 138 Front Street, New York. You should, therefore, have received two copies of the last Annual Report, that for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924; if investigation shows that they were not received will you kindly further advise me.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

Collect

March 14, 1925.

E. C. Hutchinson,
509 United Bank and Trust Company Building,
625 Market Street,
San Francisco, California.

Wire of yesterday received My visit indefinite Instructing mint today to require affidavit in case reasonable doubt of ownership exists

Grant
Director Mint

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 14, 1925.

Mr. E. Titus Black,

Salo, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 12 please be advised that this Bureau has no record of the number of proof coins struck, by denominations, over the period of years covered by your inquiry.

Five thousand half dollars of the special Missouri coins were struck bearing the star.

In the year 1873 $1,593,780 in half dollars were coined, but the records do not disclose how many of these coins were struck bearing the arrows, to which you refer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 13, 1925.

Mr. S. C. Robison,
4156 Bellevue Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 11 please be advised that the Treasury Department is not in the market at this time for silver. When silver is purchased for subsidiary coinage it is purchased in large quantities and on competitive bids at the market price on the day the silver is bought, less charges for preparing the material for coinage purposes.

By way of information, and in reply to your inquiries, you are advised that all silver bullion received at the Mint is melted and assayed before payment is made, and this payment is made on the basis of the market price of silver, 1000 fine. Charges for the melting, assaying and refining necessary are deducted from the value of the deposit before payment is made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 14, 1925.

Hon. W. H. Whittington,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Whittington:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of March 13, in which you state that the copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint recently forwarded to you will not answer the purpose of your constituent, and requesting that she be supplied with descriptive material covering the operations of the Mints.

The Department purposely avoids publishing any information descriptive of the operations of the coinage, and a Department order prohibits the publishing of photographs of mint machinery.

As of possible interest, I have taken pleasure in forwarding under separate cover mimeographed pamphlets describing the monetary system of the United States, and a pamphlet covering the coins and medals struck by the mints.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 16, 1925.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of February, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Domestic unrefined bullion	. . . .	71,959.16	fine ozs.
Foreign "	. . . .	131,269.06	" "
Foreign silver coin	. . . .	4,584.10	" "

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

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March 16, 1925.

Survey of Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of February, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Unrefined domestic gold	80,293.851	fine ozs.
Unrefined domestic silver	71,959.16	" " .

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 16, 1925.

Mr. A. McAlpine,
Utah Construction Company,
Compostela, Nayarit, Mexico.

Sir:

Your letter of February 16, 1925, addressed to the Interior Department, Bureau of Mines, concerning date of receipt of final amount of silver purchased under the Pittman Act was referred to this office by the Bureau of Mines under date of March 14, 1925.

Final delivery at the mint of the silver accepted for purchase under the act in question was made September 29, 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

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March 16, 1925.

Mr. G. F. Moore,
Harlem No. 1,
Richmond, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 2 please be advised that $220,920 in silver dollars were coined in 1800. Silver dollars were first coined in 1792.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 16, 1925.

Mr. Charles A. Keeler,
English Road, Charlotte Station,
Rochester, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 11 please be advised that when a $5.00 gold piece leaves the mint it contains exactly $5.00 worth of gold. After a coin is in circulation any length of time it abrades or wears off and is not worth its face value. When worn coins are brought to Treasury offices they are weighed, and if below the legal limit of tolerance they are refused, or are purchased as bullion only.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 16, 1925.

Mr. Charles E. Mulhearn, Assistant Director,
United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 14 (7ID), enclosing a letter from Mrs. Clara Darner, 137 S. Adella St., Ottumwa, Iowa, requesting information relative to the whereabouts of her son Frank, please be advised that Mr. Francis V. Darner's resignation as a clerk in this Bureau was accepted October 4, 1924. It is understood that Mr. Darner resigned to accept a position in the Consular Service, State Department. It is believed he was subsequently assigned to duty at the United States Consulate, Nicaragua.

I am returning Mrs. Darner's letter and suggest that you communicate with the State Department.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint

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March 17, 1925.

Dr. George K. Burgess, Director,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Burgess:

Replying to your letter of March 14, Subject, Weights from the Denver Mint, I will take the matter up at once and have the perforated weights replaced as you suggest.

Respectfully yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint

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March 17, 1925.

Mr. Maurice P. Herschel,
P. O. Box 539,
Cedarhurst, L.I.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 16 please be advised that one-cent pieces have been issued each year since the establishment of the mint in 1793, with the exception of the years 1815 and 1823 when no coins of this denomination were struck.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1925.

Mr. R. L. Conely, Vice-President,
Columbia Trust Company,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 13 please be advised that $500,000 in Stone Mountain half dollars have recently been distributed to the Federal Reserve Banks at the request of the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, which organization has charge of the distribution of these special coins. The Treasury Department does not distribute these coins. I am returning the 50-cent piece enclosed in your letter.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 17, 1925.

Mrs. C. A. Wirth,
28 A Street,
Pasco, Washington.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 10 please be advised that the Government does not purchase gold in the form of ore. Gold is purchased when presented in bullion form in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 17, 1925.

Miss Laura H. Weart,
Box 422,
Bound Brook, N.J.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 16 please be advised that the Fifth National Bank of New York City was designated as the agent for the distribution of Huguenot-Walloon half dollars, and you will no doubt be able to secure these coins through that bank.

Respectfully,

M. W. Stirling

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1925.

Mr. J. T. Evans,

Baxter, Kentucky.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 17, 1925.

Mr. J. G. B. Andress,
2303 S. Quannah Street,
West Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Your letter of March 12 addressed to the Director of the Mint, and requesting new postage stamps, has been forwarded to the Post Office Department for attention, this Department having no jurisdiction over the issue or sale of such stamps.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1925.

Cutting Brothers,
16 Exchange Place,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 13 I take pleasure in enclosing a table of coinage executed at the Mints of the United States during the calendar year 1924.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 17, 1925.

Mrs. J. E. Davenport,
221 East 49th Street,
New York City.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the two one-cent pieces forwarded with your letter of March 14, in which you request two one-cent pieces of the coinage of 1922 in exchange. Please be advised that the mints do not segregate coins by years, but you might be able to obtain two specimens by addressing the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver, as the only one-cent pieces struck in 1922 were coined at the Denver Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 17, 1925.

Mr. Nathan Kay,
16 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 14 please be advised that the Government purposely avoids issuing any matter descriptive of coinage methods employed at the mints.

This Department is not advised that it is intended to replace paper currency with silver dollars. No coins have been called in, but the coinage of certain denominations have been discontinued, such as the $1.00 and $3.00 gold pieces.

Money in the mints is safeguarded by being placed in vaults, and surrounded with the same protection employed by banks and other commercial institutions.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 17, 1925.

Mr. D. G. Cristobal,
General Delivery,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your card of March 14 please be advised that this Department does not pass upon questions of numismatics, and I would suggest that you address the headquarters of the American Numismatic Association, of which you are a member, for the information you desire.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 17, 1925.

Mr. H. M. Hughs,

Sargents, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 14 please be advised that the Government issued a $50.00 gold piece in connection with the celebration of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

The Government claims no interest in buried treasure.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 17, 1925.

Mrs. A. W. Jones, Librarian,
Rumford Public Library,
Rumford, Maine.

Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of March 10 please be advised that the mound under the buffalo on the five-cent piece was modified in order to bring out the date more clearly.

No coins of the buffalo design were coined in 1912, the current design of five-cent piece having been adopted for the first time in 1913.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 17, 1925.

Mr. Gilbert T. Gowin,
181 Bartlett St.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 13 please be advised that, to the knowledge of this Department, an agent to distribute the Lexington-Concord coins has not as yet been designated, and the Department is also without information as to who will distribute the California special coins. I would suggest that banks in Concord or Lexington would be glad to take your order for the coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 17, 1925.

Miss Ruth Vincent,
326 W. Main Street,
Frankfort, Ky.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 13 please be advised that the Government could not purchase the piano to which you refer for the purpose of recovering its brass content, as this material does not enter into the coinage of money.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 17, 1925.

Mr. J. H. Martin, Assistant Cashier,
First National Bank,
Racine, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 14 please be advised that a recent Act of Congress authorized the coinage of special half dollars in connection with celebrations at Bennington, Vt., Fort Vancouver, Washington, and commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Admission of California to the Union. This Department has not yet been advised who will distribute these special coins.

Respectfully,

M. O. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Collect March 18, 1925.

D. W. McMorris
Clift Hotel
San Francisco, California.

Authorized photograph scales San Francisco Mint and secure affidavits mint scale adjuster covering their use

O'Reilly
Acting Director Mint

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March 18, 1925.

Superintendent of Documents,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to letter from this Bureau dated February 25, 1925, will you please advise this office when we may expect to receive the Reports of the Director of the Mint called for therein, namely, 1915, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1923 and 1924.

Respectfully,

M. M. McCarthy

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 18, 1925.

Mr. W. Eaton,
Box 213,
Loyalton, California.

Sir:

I am returning herewith $2.30 forwarded with your letter of March 14 to cover the cost of four fifty-cent pieces to be issued in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington.

These coins when ready will not be distributed by the Treasury Department. Commemorative coins are turned over at face value by the mints to designated agents charged with their distribution and are usually sold by them at a premium to help defray the cost of the celebration of the event for which they were issued. No designs for this coin have yet been submitted to this Department for approval and we are not advised who will have charge of the distribution of the coin.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 18, 1925.

Mr. L. J. Poe,
118 Estoria St.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

I am returning the coin forwarded with your letter of March 16, and have to advise that it is believed that coin has no particular numismatic value owing to the fact that it is badly abraded. This Department does not, however, pass upon the numismatic value of coins, and for such information it is suggested that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

M B Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 18, 1925.

Mr. Frank Frank,
1414 Reid Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 12 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent issues of commemorative coins, which indicates the agencies charged with their distribution. A recent Act of Congress authorized the issue of three special coins, included in the list, for which no designs have as yet been submitted to this Department for approval, and it is not known who will have charge of their distribution.

Respectfully,

M. W. Baker

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 18, 1925.

Hon. Riley J. Wilson,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Wilson:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of March 17 enclosing a letter from Mr. G. W. Tatum of Simsboro, Louisiana, in which Mr. Tatum expresses a desire to obtain a Huguenot half dollar, and another from the Philadelphia Mint.

The Fifth National Bank of New York City had sole charge of the distribution of the Huguenot-Walloon half dollars, and application should be made to that institution for the coins.

The Philadelphia Mint has recently distributed to the Federal Reserve banks a quantity of Stone Mountain half dollars, specimens of which may be obtained by Mr. Tatum through Federal Reserve agencies, or upon application to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurt Building, Atlanta, Georgia, this latter organization having charge of the distribution of these coins.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 18, 1925.

Mr. H. S. J. Sickel,
16 South Broad Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of March 16 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

There are three coinage mints in the United States, located at Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco. The Mint at Philadelphia was established in 1792, the Mint at Denver in 1906, and the Mint at San Francisco in 1854.

Respectfully,

W. M. McPhail

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

Collect

March 19, 1925.

D. W. McMorris,
Livingston, California.

Following telegram sent you yesterday SanFrancisco undelivered quote Authorized photograph scales SanFrancisco Mint and secure affidavits mint scale adjustor covering their use

O'Reilly
Acting Director Mint.

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March 19, 1925.

Gutzeg Brothers,
16 Washenge Place,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of March 18 I take pleasure in enclosing a table of coinage executed at the mints during the calendar year 1924. The table shows the number and value of the coinage executed at each of the three mints.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 19, 1925.

Miss Mary E. Powell,
24 Lewis Street,
Haverhill, Mass.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 17 please be advised that the Liberty head type of nickel was last coined in 1912. The so-called Buffalo design was adopted in 1913 and was the only type of nickel struck in that year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 19, 1925.

Miss Sue Edna Andrews,
Glen-Mor High School,
Norwood, Pa.

Madam:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of March 17, requesting permission for yourself and eighteen or twenty students to visit the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

For the purpose of more closely guarding the large amount of coin and bullion on hand, all of the mints and assay offices have been closed to visitors. This Bureau would like to accede to your request and direct the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to admit you and your party, but the Department does not deem it advisable to make an exception. I feel sure you will appreciate the urgent need of the precaution now being taken and the position of the Department in its effort to adhere impartially to the decision to close the mints to visitors for the present.

Respectfully,

Wm. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 19, 1925.

Mr. C. R. Hemorth,
1203 West New York Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 17, the following is submitted relative to the coinage of one-cent pieces:

Year	Value of Pieces Coined
1899	$ 536,000.51
1901	796,111.43
1903	650,944.93
1904	613,280.15
1908	334,429.87
1908 San Francisco Mint	11,150.00

In 1909, Indian Head one-cent pieces to the amount of $146,796.48 were coined.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 19, 1935.

Mr. A. L. Howe,
308 Roosevelt Hotel,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Your letter of March 15 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Treasury Department does not take the initiative in preparing designs and dies for special coins, and this Bureau is unable to advise you to whom your drawings of proposed designs for special coins recently authorized should be submitted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 20, 1925.

Senor Dr. Don Pedro Manuel Arcaya,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Venezuelan Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a dry press of the die for the Venezuelan 12½ Centimos, which are to be coined at the United States Mint in Philadelphia. The Superintendent advises this office that if this card impression of the die meets with your approval he can proceed with the coinage immediately. This Bureau will appreciate your courtesy in advising us whether or not you approve of the same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1925.

Brentano's,
14th and F Streets,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please forward to this Bureau one Funk & Wagnalls Unabridged Dictionary, buckram binding, the net price of which is understood to be $14.40. Please render bill on voucher enclosed.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 20, 1925.

Mr. Harry E. Miller,
Department of Economics,
Brown University,
Providence, Rhode Island.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 19, I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the pamphlet entitled, "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World."

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 30, 1925.

Griebel Instrument Company,

Carbondale, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your shipment of March 12, which was received today, has been carefully double checked and one graduated cylinder (10 c.c. capacity), catalogue No. 5124, is missing.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 19, 1925.

American Gas Furnace Company,
Spring and Lafayette Streets,
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Please forward to this office your catalogue and price list of fire-clay muffles, arches, and backs for your standard Assay Furnaces, and your price on fire-clay crucibles, if you can supply same.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

G. Acting Director of the Mint.

March 31, 1925.

Hon. Thomas L. Blanton,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Blanton:

Your letter of March 20 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and enclosing a letter from Mrs. Emily Winship Leighty requesting information relative to the silver dollar, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

When the coinage of silver dollars was resumed in 1921, after a lapse of seventeen years, a new design was adopted for this denomination, which is the current design and under the law may not be changed within twenty-five years from the time first used, unless by act of Congress. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and it is not believed that coin dealers attach any premium value to the silver dollars of 1921 for the reason that they are not scarce, 1,071,473 having been coined in that year.

I am returning Mrs. Leighty's letter.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 21, 1925.

Mr. Bliss A. Van Gundy,

Osborne, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 18 please be advised that no Liberty head nickels were coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 21, 1925.

Mr. John Spargo, President,
Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Association,
Bennington, Vermont.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 19. Replying to your inquiry as to the plaster models, please be advised that when suitable models are received at the mint in the form of plaster casts master dies will be made from the same at the mint. The cost of preparing the dies will be $300.00. This amount covers the cost of the master die and includes the cost of the necessary working dies.

I have to request that in anticipation of the delivery of the coins this office be provided with a certified copy of instructions from your executive committee as to the agent who will receive and make payment for the coins at the mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 21, 1925.

Mr. Chas. A. Williams,
119 East 5th Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 18 please be advised that no Liberty head nickels were coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 21, 1925.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

On February 21 an order was sent to your office for 10 barrels of plastic cement for boiler repairs. The boilers are in bad condition and it is necessary that we receive this cement at once. Please let us know when we may expect it.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 31, 1926.

Mr. Amos E. Ayres,
Jewett Brothers & Jewett,
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 19 please be advised this Department has not yet been informed who will act as agents for the distribution of the three special coins recently authorized by Congress in connection with celebrations at Bennington, Vt., California, and Fort Vancouver, Washington.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 21, 1925.

Mr. P. K. Loud,
Wright, May & Co.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 20 asking if the Mint would undertake to strike medals, please be advised that the United States Mint is not allowed to make dies for private medals. If conditions of business at the mint permit, medals are struck from dies furnished and charges are imposed to cover the cost to the Government of such work, and they are according to the intracacy of design and model used. It would be impossible to quote a price on the cost of striking medals without knowledge of the type of medal required, relief of design, etc.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 21, 1925.

Chief of the Secret Service Division,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am returning herewith letter from the Operative in Charge of the New York District, Mr. Joseph A. Palma, dated March 12, 1925, relative to a process of Dr. L. A. Lamoutte whereby he claims that coins cannot be counterfeited.

As you are aware, there is no appropriation which could be utilized to defray Dr. Lamoutte's expenses in connection with demonstrations of his process proposed by him to be made at the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 21, 1925.

Miss Alta B. Claflin, Librarian,
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of March 31 please be advised that the publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals" is on sale at the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy, plus postage. I regret that there are no copies in this Bureau available for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 21, 1925.

Mr. Thos. Smith,
516 East Washington St.,
Syracuse, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government publishes no material covering the transactions by individuals buying old gold and silver coins or bullion.

Gold is valued at $20.67 a troy ounce. The price of silver changes from day to day. At present the market price of silver is about 68 cents an ounce, troy.

When old material, such as jewelry, dental scrap, etc., in the form of gold or silver is presented to the mints and assay offices of the United States in quantities valued at $100 or over, charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Gold and silver values are determined by assaying. Small quantities of gold and silver are not received at the mints or assay offices.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1925.

Miss Marjorie Lehman,
c/o Wilson Brothers,
1006 W. Sample Street,
South Bend, Indiana.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 20 please be advised that there were no Liberty Head nickels coined in 1913. Five-cent pieces bearing the Liberty Head were last coined in 1912, the design of the current nickel having been adopted and first used in 1913.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 25, 1925.

Mr. K. E. Fliggle,
113½ Tae Avenue,
Tacoma, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 18 stating you desire a five dollar gold piece of the coinage of 1911, please be advised that the mints do not segregate coins by years. I would suggest that you place your order with a coin dealer for the piece you desire.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 23, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-869-T, dated February 20, 1925, of the "Bullion" accounts of Leonard Magruder, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La., for the period July 1 to September 30, 1924.

Regarding the "Advisory" note on above settlement concerning credit of $200,000 which the officer claims he received from Federal Reserve Banks and your request for some form of identification or letter of transmittal in support of the item, the following is submitted:

There accompanies the quarterly bullion accounts of each mint service institution a transcript of total transactions between that institution and the various other Treasury offices. These transcripts are prepared by the Treasurer from Transfer of Funds Documents issued in the regular course of business, during the period covered. These transcripts have for years been accepted by the Accounting Offices of the Government as sufficient support in Mint Service accounts of such transactions.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

March 23, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-22050-T, dated February 20, 1925, of the accounts of Leonard Magruder, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La., for the period July 1 to September 30, 1924.

Concerning suspension of vouchers #1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, sheet #1, covering wages paid James P. Sullivan, Melter, during the period July 1 to September 30, 1924, the following is submitted: The Assayers in Charge of the several assay offices and non-coinage mints of the United States perform the duties of melter in the usual course of business of those institutions. At the New Orleans and Seattle institutions the quantity of work is such that all of the melting cannot be performed by the Assayer in Charge, with the result that others must be employed. Congress provides funds under a wages appropriation for employment of such workmen as required in the conduct of the business, and the annual appropriation estimates submitted to Congress include specific estimates for these melters - see pages 696 and 704, 1924 Budget. The practice is one of many year' standing. Attention is invited to the appropriation law for the fiscal year 1926, in which the requirement that the Assayer in Charge shall also perform the duties of Melter is not present. In view of all the circumstances it is requested that the suspensions be allowed.

Regarding suspension of vouchers #1 and 8, sheet #1, covering postage on bullion shipments. Statement enclosed herewith showing weight and destination of each shipment.

Regarding suspension of vouchers #5 and 12, sheet #2, Harold C. Kelt, covering purchase of ice. The Assayer in Charge of the New Orleans Mint states that: "No advertise-

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ment for bids for ice, on account of Pool, or Trust. Manufacturies would not bid for retail, Peddlers who delivered would not compete on account of one price agreed upon. Ice bought in open market, and so stated upon voucher."

Regarding voucher #13, Denver Fire Clay Co., 6 muffles, $13.08. Forwarded herewith are the two higher bids received for furnishing these muffles.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1925.

Assistant Secretary,
In Charge International Exchange Service,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Will you kindly cause to be transmitted through the International Exchange Service, the following Reports of the Director of the Mint forwarded to you under separate cover, 1914, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924, addressed to:

Mr. D. Paschali, Bibliothecaire,
Salles de Travail,
Universite de Strasbourg,
Strasbourg, France.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 24, 1925.

Mr. John Cadogan,
Pacific-Southwestern Trust & Savings Bank,
Long Beach, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 19 please be advised that the Treasury Department has not yet been informed who will be designated as agent for the distribution of the coins to be issued commemorating the 75th anniversary of the admission of California to the Union. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Mr. F. W. Reasoner,

Delight, Arkansas.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the small particles forwarded with your letter of March 21, and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

A visual examination of your material indicates that it does not contain precious metals.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1925.

Mr. S. V. Fox,
Grapefield,
Bland County, Va.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

The one dollar bill enclosed with your letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1925.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, Executive Chairman,
Federal Purchasing Board,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

There are enclosed herewith answers to a questionnaire left at this office by your Mr. Littlejohn, covering the purchase of coal by the field Institutions of the Mint Service.

Circular letter of March 17, copy of which is also enclosed, was addressed to the largest users of coal in the field institutions.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1925.

Mr. H. A. Pentross,
Penola, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your card of March 21 please be advised that the Government does not purchase gold or silver in the form of ore. Gold is purchased in the form of bullion and paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Bullion is not purchased in small quantities and must be presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Money is coined on Government account only.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1925.

Mrs. V. J. Carr,
Station A,
Alliance, Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 23 please be advised that gold in the form of jewelry scrap is purchased by the Government when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Small quantities are not accepted. This material is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Money is coined on Government account only.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Mr. D. O. Littlepage,
P. O. Box 1311,
Wichita Falls, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 24 please be advised that the Alexander Hamilton medal is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., and application for the same should be made to the Superintendent of that institution. The medal is sold for $1.00, plus postage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-22165-T, dated February 24, 1925, of the accounts of Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo., for the period July 1 to September 30, 1924.

Regarding suspension of voucher #32, Welcher Transfer & Storage Co., hauling, $23.65. The Superintendent of the Denver Mint states that: "It is neither desirable nor feasible to enter into yearly contract for hauling supplies from local railway yards to the Denver Mint, for the reason that the character of the service so varies with incidental changes as to the number of necessary helpers to be supplied by the hauling companies, that a unit of service cannot be intelligently arrived at, and no company would be willing to enter into such contract under these blind conditions. On transactions of consequence, competitive proposals are invited from transfer companies and the lowest bid accepted."

Regarding suspension of vouchers #1 to 19, inclusive, covering postage on coin shipments. Voucher #1 and #2 covered postage on shipments of circulated coin and was therefore not chargeable to the fund provided by Section 3528 R.S. for distributing new coin but payable from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1925." Statement showing weight, destination and nature of shipment covered by each of the above vouchers is enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-22489-T, dated March 3, 1925, of the accounts of Freas Styer, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. for the period July 1 to September 30, 1924.

Regarding voucher #34, sheet #1, Edward J. Lynch, $0.60; suspension carried forward from Certificate of Settlement #C-19041-T, April 1 to June 30, 1924. Explanation to remove this suspension was made in letter of this office to the General Accounting Office dated January 17, 1925. It is understood that the disbursing officer did not claim to have expended the 60¢ suspended - that it was not included in the total of the payroll carried to the account current. Further information is therefore requested as to your requirements for removal of this suspension.

Regarding voucher #825, Remington Typewriter Co., $10.00. The Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint states that: "On voucher #704, the mint paid for two Remington typewriters at $77.50 each (less allowance for old machines), but it was found that we needed a wider carriage machine in order to make up certain forms required by the Department. The Remington Typewriter Company agreed to exchange one of these machines for a 16½" carriage by paying the additional $10.00, the difference between a machine with a 16½" carriage and one with a 14½" carriage, as per General Supply Committee contract, item #18620 (a) (3) and (a) (4)."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1925.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company,
1418 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith your bill #6670, amount $7.44, covering official messages transmitted for this office during the month of February, 1925, with request that same be signed and returned when it will be immediately passed for payment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1925.

The Comptroller General,
General Accounting Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In conformity with your General Regulations #41, 1925, I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of each of the four account current forms at present in use in the mint service; also an additional copy of each of the two bullion accounts current used, and a copy each of forms 1021 and 1022 prescribed in the above-mentioned Regulations which will in future be used by this office for our disbursing and collecting accounts and special deposit accounts.

Authority is requested for printing data additional to that authorized in Regulations #41 on the newly adopted account current forms 1021 and 1022, as shown thereon, since the data are regularly called for and unless printed will not be uniformly stated by the various officers rendering the accounts current. Such uniformity is necessary from a statistical and administrative viewpoint; if not provided by printed headings, the subsequent clerical work in classifying will offset the printing economy. It will be noted that the collection items proposed for printing on form 1022 are more condensed than those appearing on the account current form now in use, certain of the items having been combined into group headings. It will also be noted that more spaces are required on the receipt side of the account current than on the payment side, transfer from the latter to the former side of three spaces being proposed; this will aid in reducing the supporting schedules to a minimum.

As regards the special deposit account current form #1021, reference is made to Sec. 3528 R. S. as authority for the transactions that will appear in the column headed "Minor Coinage Profits". Use of the other column headed "Bullion Gains and Losses on Deposit Operations" is explained as follows: All of the bullion which is purchased at 7 of our 11 field institutions and the unrefined portion of that purchased at another must be shipped to the remaining 3 for refining since refineries are operated at only 3. Shipments are made at the cost value to the purchasing institution. Good administration dictates that the value determined by the <u>receiving</u> insitution on shipments of unrefined bullion shall be the value for which settlement between the two institutions is made. Since assaying is not an exact science small differences in the value of the same bullion occur between the shipping and receiving institutions. Long continued practise, recognized by the General Accounting Office, has therefore been that bullion gains on <u>deposit</u> operations, including gains on bullion shipments, shall be available for use in meeting possible losses on bullion shipments (of the same institution). The gains are therefore carried in the special deposit account until no longer needed, the net amounts being covered into the general fund of the Treasury from time to time as miscellaneous receipts.

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The Comptroller General, continued:-

It is regarded essential that the bullion accounts current, forms #949, and 948 (three sheets) be continued in use. This office will be pleased to have these accounts current revised to conform with your General Regulations #41 by having the debit and credit items transferred to the opposite sides of the sheets, and request is made that one copy of the inclosed forms be returned to this office with such other amendments, particularly on the reverse side of the forms, as considered essential by your office. The smaller of the two bullion account current forms is used by our seven small field institutions and the large form by the four large institutions. The size of the large forms, 17 by 14 inches, is preferred by us, but if you require that it be reduced, size 16 by 10½ can be used by providing additional sheets.

Early consideration of these matters is requested since a reprint of the smaller bullion account current form #949 was requisitioned recently and additional supplies of this form will be required at an early date. The reprint has been recalled pending this revision.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1925.

Hon. George Otis Smith, Director,
United States Geological Survey,
Interior Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I was very much interested to read your letter of March 17, and while I knew there was a lot of highgrading in California I did not think it ran as high as Mr. Hill's report would show. It is true the San Francisco Mint has been receiving bullion without investigating where it came from, and Mr. Kelly, the Superintendent, is perfectly willing to cooperate with the mine owners in any way possible to stop this practice. I have talked to him about the matter, and also written him, and I know that he will do what he can. It is up to the mine owners to devise ways and means of stopping the sale of stolen bullion. We will be glad to assist them in every way possible.

I hope to get out to San Francisco some time during the summer, but at the present time I have no idea when this trip will be made.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1925.

Mr. F. C. Lewis,
Nelson Vertical Paper Cutter Co.,
Littleton, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March of March 23, please be advised that it is not possible from the pencil rubbing enclosed to identify the coin. It might be that some information could be obtained from the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City. From the inscription quoted by you as appearing on the piece it is possible that it is a token, many of which were privately issued during the period of the Civil War, and not a coin.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1925.

Mr. Nelson W. McCombs, Librarian,
New York University,
Washington Square Library,
Washington Square, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 24 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1925.

Mr. S. W. Ellery, Vice-President,
Copper Cities Bank,
Miami, Arizona.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 20 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924. This Report contains a table of coinage executed at the mints since 1793.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1925.

Mr. Floyd B. Smith,
R.F.D. No. 8,
Lockport, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 23 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 26, 1925.

Hon. Benjamin Strong, Governor,
The Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
New York City.

Dear Governor Strong:

Referring to the Hamilton medals ordered for you by your Mr. Chapman from the Philadelphia Mint, the following is submitted:

The manufacture of medals of Secretaries of the Treasury and their sale at the Mint is not covered by any regulation or obligation. The issue of these medals has been rather capricous, depending at times upon the personal wishes of the Secretaries concerned. The recent observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Hamilton prompted the idea that it might be appropriate to have a medal of the first Secretary of the Treasury issued. No particular importance was attached to the incident. Mr. Morgan, the late Engraver of the Mint, was requested to prepare the design for this medal.

Respectfully,

F. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 26, 1925.

Hon. Clarence Cannon,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Cannon:

Your letter of March 25 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and enclosing a letter from Major Lloyd C. Stark, of Louisiana, Missouri, requesting information relative to the distribution of the Bennington coins, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The coins commemorating the Battle of Bennington, when ready, will be turned over at face value to an agent, yet to be named, for distribution. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins. If your constituent will communicate with a bank in Bennington, Vt., I am sure his order will be taken care of. I am returning Major Stark's letter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1925.

Mr. Raul Fleerabera,
2806 Nicholas Ave.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 23 please be advised that application for $2.50 gold pieces should be made to the Treasurer of the United States. The Cashier's office in the Treasury Department may be able to supply you. There are no $1.00 gold pieces in the Mints or in the Treasury Department.

The coinage of $3.00 gold pieces was discontinued in 1889, and to the knowledge of this Bureau there are none available for distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1925.

The Commercial Bank of Spanish America, Ltd.,
465 California Street,
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of March 23 enclosing copies of letters of February 16 and 24, relative to Guatemalan coinage.

The subject of the Guatemalan coinage is now pending before the Minister of Guatemala, and as soon as some decision is reached in regard to this coinage this office will take pleasure in advising you.

Replies to your letters have been delayed incident to the negotiations necessary for this office to carry on with the Guatemala Minister through the State Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1925.

Mr. Joe H. Smith,
304 Pitkin Street,
Fort Collins, Colorado.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1925.

Mr. J. H. Towner,

Gunnison, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 21 please be advised that $19,876,762 in standard silver dollars were coined in 1896. Of this amount the Philadelphia Mint coined $9,976,762, the Mint at New Orleans coined $4,900,000, and the Mint at San Francisco coined $5,000,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1925.

Mr. John R. Sinnock,
71 St. Mary's Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Sinnock:

I have your letter of March 25 and am sorry to note it will not be convenient for you to take up your duties in the Philadelphia Mint until August 1.

At the present time there is nothing special on hand at the Philadelphia Mint and your absence will not cause any inconvenience, but should any matter arise which should require your attention we would expect to have at least part of your time. However, I do not anticipate having to call on you before August 1, but hope you will be able to take the oath of office at that time and assume your duties.

In the meantime, the Sesquicentennial celebration of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence will be held in Philadelphia next year, and Congress has authorized us to issue two special coins, one half dollar and the other a $2.50 gold piece. The designs for these coins will be submitted to open competition, and if possible I would like to have you get in touch with the Committee and compete for these designs. It would not only be a feather in your cap, but an honor to the service to have your design accepted.

Respectfully yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1925.

Mr. Walter W. Zopp,
General Delivery,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 26 relative to the number of certain special coins struck, I have to submit the following:

Grant gold dollars, 1922	$ 10,016.
Grant half dollars, 1922	50,030.50
Monroe half dollars, 1923	137,000.
Panama-Pacific gold dollars, 1915 . . .	35,034.
McKinley gold dollars, 1916	20,026.
McKinley gold dollars, 1917	10,014.
Illinois half dollars, 1918	50,029.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1925.

Mr. Leon H. Sandiford, Assistant Cashier,
First National Bank of Joliet,
Joliet, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 26 please be advised that Congress recently authorized the coinage of 50-cent pieces of special design to commemorate the following events:

The 150th anniversary of the Battle of Bennington.
The 75th anniversary of the admission of the State of California to the Union.
The 100th anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver, State of Washington.

Designs for these coins have not yet been submitted to the Treasury Department, and when the coins are issued they will be distributed by agents, yet to be designated. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1925.

Hon. Eugene Black,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Black:

Your letter of March 27 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the Huguenot-Walloon half dollars, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Huguenot-Walloon half dollars were turned over to the Fifth National Bank of New York City as agents for the distribution of these coins, and if your constituent will make requisition on that institution he will undoubtedly be able to secure specimens of the same. The Treasury Department, of course, does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Mint

Collect

March 30, 1925.

M. S. Conn,
Manager Centennial,
Vancouver, Washington.

Mint not in position to furnish plaster casts nor price at which they should be furnished. Casts to be supplied mint should be about ten inches in diameter one for obverse and one for reverse side of coin Suggest you have your artist submit to this office drawings of proposed designs before plaster casts are made Designs must finally receive favorable judgment Fine Arts Commission and be approved by this Department before dies can be made at mint from plaster casts

Grant
Director Mint

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March 30, 1925.

Mr. Harry Levison,
951 The Spitzer,
Toledo, Ohio.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 11, together with gold enclosed. As there is no place in Washington where deposits of this nature are received by the Government I have today forwarded your deposit to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, and have requested that officer to communicate with you directly regarding the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1925.

Miss Hazel O. Cash,
Bankers' Fire Insurance Company,
Durham, North Carolina.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 27 I take pleasure in enclosing a circular covering the issue, exchange and redemption of money.

The American Bank Note Company of New York is still in existence.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1925.

Editor People's Column,
The Boston Globe,
P. O. Box 159,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of March 27 relative to the yearly coinage of Lincoln one-cent pieces, I have to submit the following:

1909	$ 1,030,066.18
1910	1,528,462.18
1911	1,178,757.87
1912	829,950.60
1913	984,373.52
1914	605,084.32
1915	559,751.20
1916	1,902,996.77
1917	2,841,697.65
1918	3,706,146.34
1919	5,889,550.00
1920	4,056,650.00
1921	544,310.00
1922	71,600.00
1923	834,250.00
1924	893,940.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1925.

Miss Maud Lewis Hunter,
c/o S. Stanwood Menken,
52 William Street,
New York City.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the postal money order for $3.00, enclosed with your letter of March 28, to cover the cost of two Lincoln and one Roosevelt Presidential medals.

These medals are sold by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, but it will be necessary, in addition to the price of the medals to include the cost of postage, which is approximately 12 cents for each medal. If payment is made in excess of the amount required for postage a refund, of course, will be made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1925.

Mr. Theodore France,
Box 20,
Cisco, Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of March 9, addressed to the Department of State, relative to the medal struck in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, has been referred to this Department and Bureau for attention.

The Act of June 16, 1874 authorized the striking of this medal, which was turned over at cost price to the Centennial Board of Finance. The Act does not fix the price of the medal, and the same is not listed in the medals on sale at the United States Mint in Philadelphia. This Bureau has no means of knowing the value placed upon these medals by dealers and collectors.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1925.

Mr. Theodore France,
Box 20,
Cisco, Texas.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1925.

Boston Refiners & Wholesale Jewelers,
Detroit, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Please accept my thanks for your reply on our form "Bullion Dealers and Manufacturers' Statistics" to our inquiry concerning gold and silver used in the industries.

It is noted your reply covers only the disposition of gold and silver handled by you while the information concerning the sources from which the material was obtained is essential for our purpose, and therefore I am inclosing the form just received from you with the request that you kindly indicate on the left hand side under appropriate headings the sources from which your material was received and return the form to this office.

Again thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1925.

Mr. Abner Barger,
Hazard, Ky.
Perry County.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination of the material, however, would indicate ~~that it contains~~ that it contains nothing of value.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 31, 1925.

Mr. Frederick A. Bonsal,
960 Madison Avenue,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of March 28 please be advised that Congress did not authorize the issue of special commemorative coins in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of Kentucky.

Respectfully,

M. W. Taylor

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 31, 1925.

Honorable Carl Hayden,
House of Representatives, U.S.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In response to your request I am inclosing a carbon copy of reply made to letter of Mr. Davison addressed to you on March 24, which is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

W. M. Gilbert

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enc.

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March 31, 1925.

Hon. Porter H. Dale,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Dale:

Your letter of March 30, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to an inquiry received by you from a constituent regarding the Stone Mountain coin, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Act authorizing the issue of coins commemorating the commencement of work of carving on Stone Mountain a monument to the valor of the soldiers of the South provides that the coins shall be issued upon the request of the executive committee of the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association upon payment of the par value of the coins. In accordance with the provisions of the law the coins have been paid for at face value. To date one million pieces have been delivered by the Mint to the authorized agents.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint

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March 31, 1925.

Miss Dorothy Olney,
Cambridge High & Latin School,
Ellery Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Miss Olney:

Replying to your letter of recent date I take pleasure in inclosing two circulars giving general information - one covering the monetary system of the United States, the other a description of paper currency. The Mint Service does not issue a description of the processes employed in the manufacture of coins and consequently we have no illustrations to submit.

Respectfully,

H. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enc.

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March 31, 1925.

Mr. J. H. Garrison,
Thornton Hotel,
Butte, Mont.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of March 26 please be advised that coins authorized to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver, Washington, will not be ready for several months. The Department is without information at this time as to the agency that will be employed in distributing the coins.

Respectfully,

A. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 31, 1925.

Mr. Earl E. Whitehorne,
Commercial Editor, Electrical World,
Tenth Avenue at 36th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of March 27, I take pleasure in inclosing a copy of the medal circular which will give you the information you seek in regard to the medals of the Presidents.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enc.

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March 31, 1925.

Mr. K. Davidson,
Post Master,
Vail, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 24 addressed to the Hon. Carl Hayden, House of Representatives has been forwarded to this office for attention.

In reply to your inquiry please be advised that final deliveries of silver to the Mint under the Pittman Act were made last October. The Department is not now purchasing silver under this act.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 31, 1925.

Mr. Craig Thorn, Jr.,
Mutual Life Insurance Company,
546 Warren Street,
Hudson, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 22 addressed to the Director of the Mint, please be advised that the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., should be addressed for the purpose of procuring coins.

Respectfully,

Th. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1925.

Marsh & McLennan,
80 Maiden Lane,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

There is enclosed Insurance Sheet covering shipment of gold bullion from this office to the U. S. Assay Office, New York, which shipment went forward to-day.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1925.

Mr. A. H. Shelmo, President,
Farmers State Bank,
Lake Mills, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 30 please be advised that the act approved March 2, 1925 authorizes the striking of 40,000 medals in commemoration of the arrival in the United States of the first shipload of Norse immigrants. The medals when ready will be distributed through the Norse-American Centennial, Incorporated, and will not be distributed by the Treasury Department. Congress did not authorize a special half dollar to commemorate this event.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

The office of Hon. O. J. Kvale, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., is in position to answer any inquiries regarding the distribution of this medal.

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General Accounting Office,
Civil Division.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of March 30 requesting additional information concerning suspensions in the accounts of Frank E. Shepherd, Superintendent of the Denver Mint, settlementC-22165-T, I beg to submit the following:

Vouchers 3 and 13: These vouchers cover transportation costs on shipments of dimes. Dimes are not minor coin and the cost of their transportation is therefore not chargeable to the "Minor Coinage Profit Fund", but to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys". Minor coin consists of nickels and cents; silver coins below the dollar are subsidiary coins; while standard silver dollars and gold coins are full legal tender coins.

Voucher 32: With regard to the matter of making a contract for hauling for the mint at Denver will state that while it would probably be possible to make such a contract, it is the opinion of this office as well as of the Superintendent of the mint at Denver that it is not desirable to enter into a yearly or long-time contract for such services. General hauling for any individual mint or assay office is of infrequent occurrence. When any job of consequence is in view it is handled on a competitive basis. It is generally recognized that in many instances contracts covering long periods are not advantageous to the Government because of indefiniteness as to quantities that may be required over a long period, as well as of the considerable fluctuations in prevailing prices during the past several years.

By reference to page 19 of the Regulations for the Transaction of Business at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States, effective January 1, 1918 - copies of which are on file in your office - it will be noted that the prescribed method of procurement of supplies and services is that which is the most advantageous to the Government. As previously stated, it is believed that the best interests of the Government, with regard to the procurement of services for Mint Service, hauling would not be conserved by making a contract covering a long period.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1925.

Mr. Charles Smola,
13916 Union Avenue, S. E.,
Cleveland, Ohioa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of March 30 please be advised that the coinage of silver half dollars for 1813 amounted to $620,951.50

Respectfully,

W. M. Rieck

O:f

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1925.

Miss Dorothea Ziegler,
C/o Shafer Brothers Camp #5,
Elma, Washington.

Dear Miss Ziegler:

Replying to your inquiry of March 26th please be advised that no coins of the United States have been called in and no premium has ever been paid by the Government for any coin.

Respectfully,

R. W. Cooper

O:f

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1925.

Mr. W. C. Whitwell,
Numismatist,
206 Quarry Street,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 30th please be advised that a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924 and a statement of the coinage as of March, 1925, have been forwarded to you under separate cover.

This delay was caused by the inadvertent failure to place your name upon our files. In the event you wish further information pleased be assured that the Mint Service will be glad to cooperate with you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

O:f

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 2, 1925.

Dr. G. F. Ordetx,
Calle 2, No. 250, Vedado,
Havana, Cuba.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 25 please be advised the the same has been referred to the Curator of History, National Museum, Washington, D.C., that officer having in charge the national numismatic collection.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1925.

Albert J. Williams, Esq.,

Media, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I take pleasure in forwarding herewith by registered mail transcripts from the pay rolls of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, from May, 1879 to July, 1881 inclusive, so far as they relate to Harvey Hughes, under the seal of the Treasury Department and certified by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1925.

L. F. Dommerich & Company,
254 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

Attention Mr. G. H. Hathaway.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 31 please be advised that the Stone Mountain coins are to be placed on sale July 3. The Treasury will not distribute the coins. The association in direct charge of the distribution is the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Ga.

Congress did not authorize the issue of a coin to commemorate the landing of the Norseman, but did authorize the issue of medals. The medals are to be made at the mint at Philadelphia and will be placed on sale through the Norse-American Centennial, Inc. I would suggest that you address Honorable O. J. Kvale, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1925.

Mr. George G. Brown,
Park Avenue Hotel,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 1 please be advised that the piece you refer to as bearing the head of Washington on one side and Lincoln on the other, is not a coin of the United States. It is possible that the piece is a medal, and a copy might be secured by addressing the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

As of possible interest to you I am enclosing a copy of pamphlet entitled "Information relating to United States Coins and Medals". These medals may be procured from the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

H. [illegible] Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1925.

Mr. M. H. Minnix, District Manager,
Marchant Calculating Machine Company,
712 15th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 1 please be advised that at the present time none of the mints or assay offices of the United States are in the market for calculating machines. Should they be in need of such equipment the recommendation for the purchase would come directly from the Superintendent of the Institution concerned. It may be of service to you to suggest that the principle offices of the Mint Service are the following:

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.
United States Mint, San Francisco, Calif.
United States Assay Office, 32 Wall St., New York City.

Respectfully,

M. W. Ross

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1925.

Mr. F. Campion,
c/o Federal Reserve Bank,
Kansas City, Missouri.

SIR:

Replying to your letter of March 29 please be advised that application for the half dollars to be issued in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, should be made to the Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass., or to the Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Mass. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1925.

Mr. Frank M. Bellinger,
Cashier Ilion National Bank,
Ilion, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of March 30, please be advised that the manufacture of proof coins was discontinued several years ago, and they are no longer available at the mints.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1925.

Mr. Walter W. Greene,
23 Patchen Ave.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 5, 1935.

The Scholastic Magazine,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your telegram of April 1, the following is submitted relative to the striking of coins of special design, authorized by Congress to commemorate historical events:

The Act approved May 10, 1920, authorized the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Maine to the Union. (Public No. 198, 66th Congress).

The Act approved May 10, 1920 authorized the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Alabama to the Union. (Public No. 400, 66th Congress).

The Act approved May 12, 1920 authorized the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. (Public No. 381, 66th Congress)

The Act approved March 4, 1921 authorized the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Missouri into the Union. (Public No. 381, 66th Congress).

The Act approved February 8, 1922, authorized the coinage of a Grant memorial gold dollar and Grant memorial silver half dollar in commemoration of the centenary of the birth of General Ulysses S. Grant, late President of the United States. (Public No. 157, 67th Congress).

The Act approved January 24, 1923, authorized the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the enunciation of the Monroe doctrine. (Public 391, 67th Congress).

The Act approved February 26, 1923, authorized the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the settling of New Netherland, the Middle States, in 1624, by Walloons, French and Belgian Huguenots, under the Dutch West India Company.

The Act approved March 17, 1924, authorized the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the commencement on June 18, 1923, of the work of carving on Stone Mountain, in the State of Georgia, a monument to the

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valor of the soldiers of the South, which was the inspiration of their sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters in the Spanish-American and World Wars, and in memory of Warren G. Harding, President of the United States of America, in whose administration the work was begun. (Public No. 46, 68th Congress).

The Act approved January 14, 1925, authorized the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord. (Public Resolution No. 43, 68th Congress).

The Act approved February 24, 1925, authorized the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Bennington and the independence of Vermont, in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the admission of California into the Union, and in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver, State of Washington. (Three special coins) (Public No. 452, 68th Congress).

Respectfully,

W. W. Durbin

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 5, 1925.

Mr. Alex. S. Gardiner,
53 Carmelita Street,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924, which contains the latest available information on the worlds monetary stocks. Figures for the calendar year 1924 will not be available for several months and will appear in the next Report.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1925.

Mr. George H. Bodine,
224 North 2nd Street,
Elkhart, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 1, please be advised that this Bureau is of the opinion that there is no special standard for the alloy called white gold.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1925.

Mr. George M. Nitzsche, Recorder,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of April 2 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and requesting permission for a party of summer school students to visit the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

For the purpose of more closely guarding the large amount of coin and bullion on hand, all of the mints and assay offices have been closed to visitors. This Bureau would like to accede to your request and direct the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to admit your party, but the Department does not deem it advisable to make an exception. I feel sure you will appreciate the urgent need of the precaution now being taken and the position of the Department in its effort to adhere impartially to the decision to close the mints to visitors for the present.

Respectfully,

M. W. McReed

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1935.

Mr. W. Schaffer,
University of Cape Town,
Cape Town, Africa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 4 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the pamphlet entitled, "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 5, 1935.

Mr. Robert Clifford,
1868 Columbia Road,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to the enclosed list of coins left in this office a few days ago, I have to submit the following relative to procuring specimens of the same:

The Lincoln, or Illinois half dollars, were distributed by the Illinois State Treasurer, Springfield, Illinois.

The Grant coins may be obtained from the U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Huguenot-Walloon half dollars are being distributed by the Fifth National Bank, New York City.

The Panama-Pacific coins were placed in the hands of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company of San Francisco for distribution.

I am unable to advise you where the other coins listed may be obtained, as there are none in the Treasury and none in the Mints, but it is suggested that the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, may be of assistance to you in securing specimens.

Respectfully,

W. M. McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1925.

Mr. Fred S. Case, Vice-President,
The First National Bank,
Sault Ste Marie, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 31 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and the United States Assay Office at 32 Wall Street, New York City, purchase gold in the form of bullion when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Payment for such deposits is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1925.

Mr. Walter W. Zopp,
c/o Merchants National Bank,
St. Paul, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 31, please be advised that the following values in special coins were struck in the years indicated:

Panama-Pacific $2.50 gold piece, 1915 . . .	$ 25,042.50
" " half dollars, 1915	30,000.00
Alabama half dollars, 1921	35,022.00
Pilgrim half dollars, 1920	100,056.00
" " " 1921	50,026.50
Missouri half dollars, 1921	25,014.00
Huguenot-Walloon half dollars, 1924	71,040.00

No Maine half dollars were struck in 1921. In 1920 the coinage of these special pieces amounted to $25,014.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1925.

Mr. P. A. DeHoff,
747 Gator Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 3 please be advised that distribution of Stone Mountain coins has been made to Federal Reserve Banks throughout the country, but it is understood that the coins will not be released by the banks for general distribution until July 3. I would suggest that you make application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond for the coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1925.

Carnegie Library,
Order Department,
Schenley Park,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your card of April 3 requesting the latest edition of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World". The last edition of this publication was issued in 1916, a copy of which I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1925.

Mr. Hamuel Clark,
Fayetteville, Tenn.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1925.

Mr. John W. Crooks,
Box 98,
Whitman, Mass.

Sir:

Responding to your request of April 31 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924, together with circulation statement of April 1.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1925.

Mr. Otto Jaeb,
Box 151,
Ripon, California.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 31. The Mint is now making an effort to sharpen the impression on the quarter dollar, but no change such as suggested by you could be made in the design without an Act of Congress. I wish to thank you for your interest in the matter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1925.

Mr. Chas. F. Koch,
73 West Street,
Newark, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 6 relative to the coinage of certain denominations, by mints, during 1924, the following is submitted:

Denominations	Philadelphia Pieces	San Francisco Pieces	Denver Pieces
Half Dollars	*142,080		
Quarter Dollars	10,920,000	2,660,000	3,112,000
Dimes	24,010,000	7,120,000	6,810,000
Nickels	21,620,000	1,437,000	5,258,000
One-Cent Pieces	75,178,000	11,696,000	2,520,000

* All Huguenot-Walloon special half dollars.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1925.

Office of Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find voucher of the Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana, amounting to $13.00, covering fifty per-cent of the expense, incurred during the quarter ended March 31, 1925, on account of water and electric light for the building used in common by the Assay Office and the Prohibition Director at Helena, Montana, and paid by the Assayer in Charge.

Kindly cause the amount to be credited to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Helena, 1925."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1926.

Mr. Sterling Bennett,

Orangeville, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 2 please be advised that the standard of value in currency is fixed by Congress, and the Act of March 14, 1900 provides that the gold dollar, containing twenty-five and eight-tenths grains of gold, nine-tenths fine, shall be the standard of value.

The fractional silver coins of the United States are not proportionate in weight to the standard silver dollar for the reason that it is intended they shall be subsidiary to the dollar.

As of possible interest to you I am enclosing a pamphlet covering the monetary system of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1925.

Dr. George F. Kunz, President,
The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society,
154 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

I have before me two letters from you, one dated April 4. I have been out of the city for a few days, and therefore delayed reply to your first letter.

I should be glad to forward the Hamilton medals to you immediately, but there are none in Washington. The medals are, as you know, made at the mint in Philadelphia, and we have no facilities for distributing them here, and therefore have no copies. I would suggest that it might expedite receipt of the medals if you would address the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

As of possible interest to you I am enclosing a medal list.

With personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint

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April 7, 1925.

Mrs. N. W. Usher,
R.F.D. No. 3,
Whiteville, N.C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of April 6 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchased gold in the form of bullion when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. These deposits are paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1925.

Mr. Frederick S. Owen,
Waltham 54, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 6 please be advised that application for the Stone Mountain half dollar should be made to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. It is understood, however, that these coins are not to be released until July 3.

The Treasury Department has not been advised who will act as agent for the distribution of the half dollars commemorating the Battle of Bennington. Any bank in Bennington will undoubtedly accept your order.

Special coins are turned over by the Treasury to agents designated to distribute the coins, and are not distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1925.

The Western Union Telegraph Co.,
14th and G Streets, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith sub-voucher #11, charge 54¢, of your bill #387 covering messages transmitted during the month of February, 1925. Bill covering charges on this sub-voucher should be sent to the Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota for payment. Charges on all telegrams originating at Mint Service field offices should be billed the respective offices as there is no disbursing officer in Washington having funds chargeable with the expenses of transmitting such messages. Mint field offices have directions not to transmit messages to Washington "collect."

Deduction of 54¢ has been made, in view of the above, and bill approved for payment in the sum of $10.22.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1925.

Mr. John P. Woodruff, Vice President,
Walker-Longfellow Company,
150 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 4 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924, which contains all the information available relative to the production of gold and silver.

I am enclosing a preliminary estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during 1924, by States.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1925.

Mr. Wilbur Hayconber,
Route No. 3, Box 91,
Bronson, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 27 please be advised that no Liberty Head nickels were coined in 1913. The Liberty head design was discontinued in 1912, and the present so-called Buffalo design first coined in 1913.

Respectfully

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1925.

Miss Isabelle M. Graham, Book Department,
Survey Graphic,
112 East 19th Street,
New York City.

Madam:

Your letter of April 3 requesting data published by the Commission on Gold and Silver Inquiry has been erroneously delivered to this office, and the same has been forwarded to the office of Senator Oddie in the Capitol for attention, his office having jurisdiction over the publication.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1925.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Returned herewith please find your bill #H/5/5074, amount $3.59. Express Charges on shipment covered by Bill of Lading #374904, 1 box, 2 hubs, Washington, D. C. to Philadelphia, Pa., February 12, 1925, are not payable by the Mint Service but should be billed to the Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D. C.

Upon receipt of amended bill covering charges on shipments per Bills of Lading #497436 and #665734 same will be immediately passed for settlement by the General Accounting Office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1925.

Mr. Edgar McNabb,
Kutztown, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your card of April 6 please be advised that the following publications are on sale at the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.:

Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, 65 cents a copy.

Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals, etc., $1.00 a copy, plus postage.

I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the last quarterly statement of the Value of Foreign Coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1925.

Mr. George G. Starbird,
13 Ogden Street,
Binghamton, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 6 please be advised that the Stone Mountain half dollars are in the hands of the Federal Reserve Banks for distribution. It is understood, however, that the coins will not be released to the public until July 3. I would suggest that you make application to the Federal Reserve Bank in your district. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1925.

Mr. Ardie Lyman,
Box 34,
Flora, Oregon.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded with your letter of March 31, and have to advise that the Government purchases gold in the form of bullion only, which is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1925.

Mr. J. E. Hawthorne, Manager,
6 Main Street,
Champaign, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 7 please be advised that the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia purchases gold in the form of dental scrap, and pays for the same at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The Government does not purchase platinum, and no allowance is made for this metal when contained in gold deposits.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1925.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher, in amount $7,200.74, payable from the "Special Fund-Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold." It is requested that the proceeds of the check in payment be deposited in the Treasury by C. D. to the credit of the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1925", as reimbursement on account of recoinage into dollars of silver bullion purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918.

Will you kindly indicate on the accompanying duplicate letter the C. D. number and date and return to this office for our information.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 10, 1925.

Mr. Cyprian Thibault,

Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise that a visual examination indicates that it contains nothing of value.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1925.

Consolidated Jewelry Mfg. Co.,
436 Tuscarawas Street, E.,
Canton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of package forwarded by you containing gold kings and jewelry scrap. As there is no place in Washington where the Government receives and makes payment for such deposits, I have forwarded your material to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, by express collect, and have advised that officer to deduct the shipping charges from the value of your deposit. The Superintendent of the Mint will communicate with you in regard to the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1925.

Mr. H. Stevens Haines II,
The Consolidated Investment Co., Inc.,
325 First Street,
Portsmouth, Va.

Sir:

Your letter of April 9 addressed to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Dewey has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Your suggestion relative to the issue of a coin in the denomination of $1.00, of about the size of the present half or quarter dollars, and containing gold and other suitable alloys, has been read with interest, but as you are aware no change could be made in the present composition of coins without authority from Congress. The Treasury Department, therefore, is not in position to act upon your suggestion. Your interest in the matter, however, is appreciated.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 10, 1925.

Mr. R. L. Miller,
1118 Carr Avenue,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 7 please be advised that the coin you describe is known as a spiel mark. They were privately manufactured, their issue was illegal and was suppressed.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 11, 1925.

Mr. Paul W. Lunel,
The Collins Service,
226 Columbia Ave.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 10 please be advised that the Concord National Bank, of Concord, Massachusetts, and the Lexington Trust Company, of Lexington, Massachusetts, have been designated as agents to distribute the special coins commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

Special coins are turned over by the mint at face value to the agents designated to distribute the coins, and are usually sold by them at a premium. Special coins are not distributed to the public by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1925.

Mr. Manual Clark,

Fayetteville, Tennessee.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 8 with reference to samples of ore forwarded by you to this office. As the Government does not purchase gold in the form of ore the material was returned to you under date of April 4, and has undoubtedly reached you by this time.

Gold is purchased by the Government in the form of bullion when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value, and is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1925.

Impervious Paint & Varnish Company,
161 East Allen Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Please refer to the order of this Bureau, dated March 11, 1925, for 1 gallon Graphite Paint, General Supply Catalogue No. 8690. A voucher covering this paint has been received by this office, but to date the paint has not been delivered. If shipment has been made will you please trace it, and advise this Bureau.

Respectfully,

N M O'Reilly

for R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-25057-T, dated March 20, 1925, of the accounts of Michael J. Kelly, Superintendent United States Mint, San Francisco, Cal., for the period July 1 to September 30, 1924:

Regarding vouchers #3, 11, 12 and 42, sheet #1, in favor of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. Enclosed find copies of Schedule G-1 CRC #220-G, effective March 5, 1924, covering gas bills and Schedule P-1 CRC #326-E and L-1 CRC #319-E, both effective April 15, 1924, covering electric light and power bills. These schedules cover all the gas and electric bills suspended, and are effective until cancelled by the Railroad Commission. There are also enclosed herewith copies of Schedule G-1 CRC #233-G, effective March 4, 1925, cancelling #220-G on that date, and Schedule P-1 #357-E effective March 4, 1925, cancelling #326-E on that date.

Regarding voucher #11, sheet #1, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. The Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint states: "We have requested the telephone company to furnish us with sheets of the schedule showing the rates on the service furnished the Mint. The company has informed us that these sheets are not kept for general distribution, as there have been no rate hearings before the Railroad Commission since 1912, and the original rates of that date are still in effect. We will keep after the company and forward these sheets as soon as we can obtain the same."

Regarding voucher #12, sheet #1, Barger and Carter Co. The Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint States: "The wrenches offered by F. O. Stallman Company were not Trimo pipe wrenches as called for in the request for bids, and the wrenches they proposed to furnish would not answer our purposes."

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Regarding voucher #20, sheet #1, F. E. Healy, car fare, $5.00. The Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint states: "In regard to voucher no. 20 of F. E. Healy for car fares in the sum of $5.00, will state that Healy devotes a portion of his time to the outside business of this Mint. That the Federal Reserve Bank and other Banks of this city are situated over a mile in distance from this Mint, and it is considered a matter of economy for our representative to ride rather than to take the time in walking. Mr. Healy keeps a record of the amount expended in car fares and when the same amounts to the sum of five dollars presents his statement. There is a considerable amount of business with commercial firms and post office delivery that is more satisfactorily handled by messenger. This custom has been followed by this Mint for the past ten years and considered in keeping with the spirit of strict economy which we endeavor to enforce."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1925.

Mr. DeEtta Jones,
Hoxie, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 8 please be advised that this office is not able to furnish you with a copy of a pamphlet on the free silver issue, referred to by you, and I am unable to advise you where the same might be obtained.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 13, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to second paragraph of your letter C-CIH-7 of April 10, 1925, and to the correspondence incident to a suspended voucher for non-contract hauling.

In view of the requirements of the Mint Regulations that purchases be made in the manner most advantageous to the Government, and of the expressed opinion of the Superintendent of the Denver Mint and the Director of the Mint that the best interests of the Government would not be served by the making of annual or long-time contracts for hauling, as well as our understanding that we are not violating the provisions of the statutes, specific information is requested as to the purport of the following quotation from your letter of April 10th: "in the future the provisions of section 3709, Revised Statutes, should be complied with".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 14, 1925.

Hon. Charles Moore,
Chairman, The Commission of Fine Arts,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am forwarding copper strikes of the obverse and reverse of the medal authorized by Act of Congress approved March 2, 1925, commemorative of the Norse-American Centennial.

The models are submitted to your Commission with request for your opinion as to the artistic merits of the designs, and their appropriateness to commemorate the event for which they were authorized.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 14, 1925.

Survey of Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of March, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Unrefined domestic gold	75,564.435	fine ounces.
Unrefined domestic silver	62,146.14	" "

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 14, 1925.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of March, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Domestic unrefined bullion . .	62,146.14	fine ozs.
Foreign " . .	128,650.73	" "
Foreign silver coin . .	2,669.69	" "

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 14, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find copies of schedules of rates of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. These schedules are forwarded in connection with explanations made in letter to you dated April 13th for removal of suspensions noted in Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-23057-T, dated March 20, 1925, of the accounts of Michael J. Kelly, Superintendent United States Mint, San Francisco, Cal., for the period July 1 to September 30, 1924.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 14, 1925.

Ducktown Sulphur, Copper & Iron Co., Ltd.,
Isabella, Tennessee.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 26, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date.

Respectfully,

W. M. Ottaway

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 14, 1925.

Ladysmith Smelting Corporation, Ltd.,
Ladysmith,
Vancouver Id., B. C.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 26, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 14, 1925.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.,
233 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 26, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 14, 1925.

Idaho Metals Company,
Mackay, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 26, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 14, 1925.

Mr. Jim Piper,
R.F.D. No. 1,
Glasgow, Kentucky.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination of the material, however, would indicate that it contains nothing of value.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D. assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 15, 1925.

Mr. W. C. Herrick,

Horicon, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 13 please be advised that application for the Lexington-Concord coin should be made to the Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass., or to the Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Mass. Special coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 15, 1925.

Mr. John C. Emison, Treasurer,
American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway, New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of April 14 relative to the condition of kegs containing Polish coins reached this office this morning. Mr. Grant is in Philadelphia, and I propose to communicate your letter to him by telephone during the day.

Mr. Grant plans to be at the New York Assay Office during the day tomorrow, and it might be that you will deem it worth while to call him up there.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 15, 1925.

Mr. James Mure,
4558 Bay 16th St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 13 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 15, 1925.

Mr. Edgar Weininger,
P. O. Station L, G.H.I.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 14, I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins, indicating the agencies charged with their distribution. Applications for the coins should be addressed to these agents, as the Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 15, 1925.

Mr. Otis Kerr,

Utica, Ohio.

Sir:.

Replying to your letter of April 11, relative to the values of foreign coins, I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", together with a quarterly statement, "Value of Foreign Coins".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 15, 1925.

Mr. H. B. Marshall, Cashier,
Burnsville Exchange Bank,
Burnsville, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 13 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample furnished. Your material should be forwarded to the Assayer in Charge of the above institution.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 16, 1925.

Mr. Daff Pearson,
Farmers Bank of Livonia,
Livonia, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 13 please be advised that the piece you describe is not a coin of the United States, but is a "token" piece, many of which were manufactured by private interests during the period of the Civil War.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 16, 1925.

Mr. Wm. P. Reilly,
Bureau of Buildings,
Borough of Richmond,
Staten Island, New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 15 please be advised that you should make application to the Concord National Bank of Concord, Mass., or to the Lexington Trust Company of Lexington, Mass., for the Lexington-Concord commemorative half dollars. These coins will not be distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 16, 1925.

Mr. Mary Reimers,
877 W. 7th St.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 13 please be advised that application for Lexington-Concord coins should be made to the Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass., or to the Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Mass. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 16, 1925.

Mr. J. D. Fauntleroy,
P. O. Box 415,
Richmond, Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 15. I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins authorized by Congress, which indicates the agencies charged with the distribution of the several pieces. Application for the coins should be made to these bodies, as the Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 17, 1925.

Mr. F. E. Bronson, President,
First National Bank,
Hornell, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 15 please be advised that silver in the denominations and amounts indicated was coined in the years 1894 and 1922:

	1894	1922
Silver Dollars	$ 3,093,972	$ 84,275,000
Half Dollars	3,667,831	50,030 *
Quarter Dollars	2,233,448	None
Dimes	205,099	None

* All Grant Memorial half dollars in 1922.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 17, 1925.

Mr. J. F. Meyers,
Route 3, Box 34,
Coin, Tennessee.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample submitted.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 17, 1925.

Mr. Artie W. Steward,
Will Mayfield College,
Marble Hill, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 14, I take pleasure in enclosing a circular covering the Issue, Exchange and Redemption of Money, which covers the subject matter of your inquiry.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 18, 1925.

Hon. O. J. Kvale,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Kvale:

I am forwarding a specimen of the Norse-American Centennial medal as it will appear when finished, and have to request that you advise me whether or not it meets with your approval and the approval of the Norse-American Centennial (Incorporated).

Upon receipt of advice from you that the medal is satisfactory to you and your committee I will request the Secretary of the Treasury for approval and proceed immediately with the preparation of the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 18, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division.

Gentlemen:

Further reference is made to correspondence pertaining to procurement of the service of hauling for the mint service, and particularly to your letter C-FWN-7 of April 15, 1925.

This non-personal service is not "continuing" as was suggested in the suspension of a Denver Mint voucher, but is irregularly required, and at very uncertain intervals. For example, at the Denver Mint no hauling at all was vouchered during the months of February and March, 1925, although there were several occasions in January when such light hauling was required by the arrival of articles at the local railroad station for delivery at the mint. Under such conditions "no useful result can be accomplished by advertising". These services are procured under that portion of Sec. 3709 R. S. which was not quoted in your letter of April 15, 1925, viz.: "When immediate delivery or performance is required by the public exigency, the articles or service required may be procured by open purchase or contract at the places and in the manner in which such articles are usually bought and sold, or such services engaged, between individuals". The "manner in which such services are usually engaged, between individuals" (occasional light hauling) is for the individual to request some reliable concern engaged in such business to perform the service, and to pay his charge therefor if it is in conformity with the usual market rates.

In view of the above, as well as of the additional information which has been supplied to your office, this office is still uncertain as to the purport of the following quotation from your letter of April 10, 1925: "in the future the provisions of Sec. 3709 Revised Statutes should be complied with". It is our understanding that procurement of services of the character in question has conformed with the laws pertaining thereto, and if this is not in conformity with your views, specific information is requested as to what will be your requirements in the future for allowance of vouchers covering expenditures on account of occasional hauling service rendered to mint service institutions.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 18, 1925.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 17 please be advised that deliveries of Stone Mountain coins have been made to the Federal Reserve Banks. It is understood that the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association of Atlanta, Ga., the association having charge of the distribution of the coins, has designated July 3 as the day upon which distribution shall be made to the public. The Treasury Department is without authority to pay out these coins, and I regret that I am not in position to secure one of these coins for you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 18, 1925.

Mr. Norman Picht,
1171 S. Clinton Ave.,
Oak Park, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 14 please be advised that the coinage of a $2.50 gold piece has been authorized in connection with the Sesquicentennial celebration to be held in Philadelphia in 1926, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 18, 1925.

Dr. Herbert E. Guthrie,
12 Street and 4th Ave.,
Huntington, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 16 please be advised that the Government does not refine gold for the public. The United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold in the form of bullion and dental scrap when submitted in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value, and payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 18, 1925.

Hon. Joseph W. Byrns,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Congressman Byrns:

Replying to your letter of April 16, please be advised that I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint to be forwarded to Prof. C. P. Moore, Hume-Fogg High School, Nashville, Tennessee, and Professor Moore has been advised that the Report is being sent at your request.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1925.

Prof. C. P. Moore,
Hume-Fogg High School,
Nashville, Tenn.

Sir:

At the request of Congressman Byrns I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint to be forwarded to you under separate cover. This Report contains a table of coinage covering the period of operations of the Mints.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 18, 1925.

Hon. Wesley L. Jones,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Jones:

This Bureau is in receipt of the models for the proposed Vancouver coin. The models have been examined and are found to be impracticable as working models for coinage dies.

This letter confirms the understanding arrived at during the visit from your Secretary and the Secretary of Congressman Johnson to this office on Friday, the 17th.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1925.

Mr. I. B. Braun,
342 East 15th St.,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 13 please be advised that the marks described by you as appearing on a half dollar in your possession were undoubtedly placed there after the coin left the mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 18, 1925.

Laskey Brothers,
706 Tower Avenue,
Superior, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 13 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold in the form of jewelry scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. The gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. No allowance is made for platinum contained in such deposits, as the Government does not purchase this metal.

Respectfully,

M. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 18, 1925.

Mr. Victor Katz,
553 Dahill Road,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 16 please be advised that $71,600 in one cent pieces were coined in 1922 at the Mint in Denver. As the mints do not segregate coins by years, I am unable to advise you where a specimen of this coinage may be obtained.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 20, 1925.

United States Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please forward to this Bureau, for distribution to the field offices of the Mint and Assay Service, 12 copies of Retirement Circular No. 33, dated August 12, 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 20, 1925.

Mr. Henry Maggiolo,
15 East 31 Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 17 please be advised that application for the Bennington coin should be made to the Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Society, Bennington, Vt. The Vancouver half dollar will be distributed through the Fort Vancouver Centennial Association, Fort Vancouver, Washington. It is not known who will have charge of the distribution of the coin commemorating the 75th anniversary of the admission of California into the Union.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 20, 1925.

The Quartermaster General of the Army,
Surplus Property Division,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia has advised this office that the Quartermasters Depot, Inland Warehouse, Philadelphia, has on hand the following:

1,104 yards No. 8 canvas, 34".
4,137 " No. 8 " 37"
2,715 " No. 8 " 68"
11,123 " Drill, marked No. 2, which they have listed as No. 8 ounce canvas.

Will you please advise us if this material may be declared surplus and made available for purchase, and at what price.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 21, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of April 9, 1925, file C-FN-7, forwarding statement of differences pertaining to this office found in the disbursing accounts of J. L. Summers, per Settlement C-23407-T, to include the month of July, 1924, the following is submitted:

Sheet #204, January 1 to 31, 1924, voucher #2, J. C. Bates, $107.40. The amount suspended, $1.10, has been collected from the traveler and is this date being forwarded to the Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, for deposit to the credit of the appropriation originally charged.

Copy of this letter is being furnished J. L. Summers, Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, for his information.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 21, 1925.

W. E. Mowrey Company,
414 Robert Street,
St. Paul, Minn.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date. An additional copy of the form for reply is inclosed for your convenience in the event the form sent in February has been misplaced.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Brown & Dean Company,
102 Richmond Street,
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

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Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Cabot & Higley,
159 Harrison Ave.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

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Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Baker & Potter Refining Co.,
100 Dunham Street,
Attleboro, Mass.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

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Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1925.

American Optical Company,
Southbridge,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date. An additional copy of the form for reply is inclosed for your convenience in the event the form sent in February has been misplaced.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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American Watch Case Co., Inc.,
11 Maiden Lane,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimates of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

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Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Thomas J. Dee & Company,
5 South Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

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Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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John Hood & Company,
178 Tremont Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date. An additional copy of the form for reply is inclosed for your convenience in the event the form sent in February has been misplaced.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

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Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date. An additional copy of the form for reply is inclosed for your convenience in the event the form sent in February has been misplaced.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Interstate Smelting & Refining Co.,
19-29 Commercial Street,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date. An additional copy of the form for reply is inclosed for your convenience in the event the form sent in February has been misplaced.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1925.

George Lewis & Company,
53 West 39th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date. An additional copy of the form for reply is inclosed for your convenience in the event the form sent in February has been misplaced.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1925.

Charles E. Oberheim,
1936 North Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date. An additional copy of the form for reply is inclosed for your convenience in the event the form sent in February has been misplaced.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1925.

The Tubular Products Co.,
Southington,
Connecticut.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date. An additional copy of the form for reply is inclosed for your convenience in the event the form sent in February has been misplaced.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1925.

United Metals Separation & Refining Co.,
P. O. Box 2126,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date. An additional copy of the form for reply is inclosed for your convenience in the event the form sent in February has been misplaced.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1925.

L. Leber & Son, Inc.,
149 New Jersey R. R. Ave.,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date. An additional copy of the form for reply is inclosed for your convenience in the event the form sent in February has been misplaced.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1925.

Kastenhuber & Lehrfeld,
21 John Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date. An additional copy of the form for reply is inclosed for your convenience in the event the form sent in February has been misplaced.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1925.

John Austin & Sons,
74 Clifford Street,
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 27, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimates of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date. An additional copy of the form for reply is inclosed for your convenience in the event the form sent in February has been misplaced.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1925.

Mr. Joseph Koeppe,
Lock Box 137,
Salem, Oregon.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of recent date please be advised that the manufacture of proof coins was discontinued by the mints several years ago. Special coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department and application for Stone Mountain coins should be made to the Federal Reserve Bank in your district. The Lexington-Concord coins may be obtained from the Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass., and the Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Mass.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1925.

Mr. Joseph Sohmand,
Route No. 1, Box 118,
Troutdale, Oregon.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 20, 1925.

Mr. Philip Schoemmell,
P. O. Box 172,
Central Park Station,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 16 please be advised that there is no instrument known to science which will detect gold and silver deposits.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1925.

Mr. J. Edwin Bunting,
P. O. Box 175,
Wilmington, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 20 please be advised that you should make application to the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond, Va., for specimens of the Stone Mountain half dollar. It is understood that the Federal Reserve Banks will release these coins for distribution July 3. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1925.

Mr. A. G. Roessler,
140 S. Parkway,
East Orange, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 21 relative to the sale of the Norse-American medal, I would suggest that you address your inquiry to the office of Hon. O. J. Kvale, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1925.

Mr. George W. Hanenstein,
114 Brooklyn Street,
Creston, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 15th addressed to the President has been forwarded to this Bureau for consideration.

If you will forward the coin you describe to the American Numismatic Society, 156 Street, Broadway, New York City, you will no doubt be able to learn the price coin collectors might be willing to pay for the piece you have. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins and we have no way to know what coin dealers pay for such pieces. The American Numismatic Society to which you are referred will doubtless give you reliable information as to whether or not the piece has any special value above its face value.

Respectfully,

R. B. Woods

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Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1925.

Katherine D. Blake, Principal,
The Lillie Devereux Blake School,
85th Street and Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of April 21 please be advised that during the calendar year 1924 there were 13,539,000 silver dollars struck; all of the silver dollars now being coined and to be coined for several years to come will be of the type you describe. The silver dollars of this design were first issued in 1921 and have been coined each year since. No changes can be made in the design of coins oftener than once in twenty five years without a special act of Congress.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1925.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper,
The World Almanac,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am returning the extracts from the Almanac which accompanied your letter of April 17, corrected to the extent that information is now available. As intimated by you, the text on "Monetary System of the United States" will not be further affected before the reassembly of Congress.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1925.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
71 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 22 in regard to the exchange of silver, the situation in the New York Assay Office and the Philadelphia Mint is about the same as it was when I wrote you on February 25. There is no surplus stock of fine silver at either place.

The New York Refinery is making about 300,000 ounces of fine silver a month, and more than half of this has to be used for refinery purposes, leaving little over 100,000 ounces to supply the commercial bar trade, so it is not a question with us of what we will do, it is what we can do, and it is impossible at the present time to take standard silver in exchange for fine silver.

Respectfully yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1925.

Mr. F. M. McAleer,
Secretary to the Director General,
Sesquicentennial International Exposition,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 22, I am enclosing excerpts from the coinage laws covering designs which are required to be placed on coins. The bill for the special coins in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, provides, Sec. 4 (b):

"All laws now in force relating to the gold coins and subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining and striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of the coins, for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting, for security of the coins, or for any other purposes, whether such laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized:" etc.

I would suggest that publicity be given to the idea of having contestants submit designs in the form of sketches rather than require a large number of people who probably wish to submit designs for these coins to go to the expense of having plaster models worked out. Upon receipt of the sketches I would think your society would be able to eliminate quite freely, and I am sure the Fine Arts Commission would lend its assistance to you in deciding upon which of the sketches submitted should be eliminated. In this way a large number of people will not be put to the unnecessary expense of executing plaster models of hopelessly unfit designs.

For your future consideration in regard to these models, it will be necessary to have the accepted models made in the form of plaster casts, in low relief, the casts to be not less

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than eight inches or more than nine and one-half inches in diameter, including a margin of about one inch beyond the design of the coin.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1925.

Mr. John Cadogan,
General Delivery,
Long Beach, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 17 in regard to special coins, the following is submitted:

Organizations interested in commemorating a particular event secure authority from Congress authorizing the striking of a coin of special design . These coins are struck without expense to the Government in the preparation of the necessary dies, and are turned over by the Mint to the organizations bringing about their coinage, or to agents designated by such organizations, for distribution. These coins are usually sold at a premium to help defray the cost of celebrating the event for which they were issued.

I am enclosing copy of the Act approved January 24, 1923, which authorized the coinage of 50-cent pieces to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the emnciation of the Monroe Doctrine. This act is typical of the authority granted by Congress for the issue of special coins.

I am also enclosing, as of possible interest to you, a circular of information relating to United States coins and medals.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1925.

Mr. Frank F. Schiller,
524 Cooper Street,
Utica, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 18 please be advised that the piece you describe is not a coin of the United States. It is probably a "token" piece of private issue, many of which were manufactured during the period of the Civil War.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1925.

Mr. F. W. Kelley, Jr.,
156 Chestnut Street,
Albany, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 20 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

The Huguenot-Walloon half dollar may be obtained from the Fifth National Bank, New York City, and the Pilgrim half dollar from the National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass. It is understood that these coins are sold at a premium.

In 1921 $100,000 in Pilgrim half dollars were coined and in 1922, $50,000.

In 1924 $71,000 in Huguenot-Walloon half dollars were coined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1925.

Mr. S. P. Panton,
Big Creek, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my thanks for the information concerning the Canadian note circulation which accompanied your letter of April 16, 1925.

Relative to your other letter of the same date, concerning the circulation of money in the United States, the following is submitted:

The estimate of Mr. McCoy, Treasury Actuary, mentioned by you as the total amount of money in the pockets and tills of the people, was actually an estimate of the amount hoarded (or kept out of actual circulation), consisting of monies kept in old stockings or other hiding places, those contained in children's savings banks, in safety deposit boxes, etc., etc. This estimate of $433,000,000 hoarded was made in 1924. I note your statement that "The amount estimated to be in the hands of the people, and the only sum actually in circulation, is the $433,000,000, or rather less than $4.00 per capita". Surely no informed or thinking person would estimate the actual circulation of the United States at so low a figure as $4.00 per capita.

The total money in circulation July 1, 1924, as quoted in your letter from the reports of the Director of the Mint and the Comptroller of the Currency, was $4,754,722,754. A reference note contained in the reports mentioned states that the stock of money includes United States paper currency in circulation in foreign countries; this should be considered as including the United States territories of Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, etc. The amount does not include United States coin in foreign countries, to the extent that exports of such coin have been reported to the Treasury. It does include hoarded monies and those, in unknown amounts, destroyed beyond the possibility of redemption, and those lost; it also includes the monies held in about 2000 banks in this country which do not report to the Comptroller of the Currency as well as those contained in the banks which do report.

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Mr. S. P. Panton (continued).

With reference to your comparison of the amounts of cash held by banks, other than the Federal Reserve Banks, in June 1914 and June 1924, will state that it is a well known fact that considerable amounts formerly held outside of the Federal Reserve Banks have during the interval in question been transferred to the Federal Reserve Banks.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 24, 1925.

Mr. E. Titus Black,
Scio, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 23 please be advised that of the recent commemorative coins the following, in the amounts indicated, have been returned to the mints:

Pilgrim half dollar	80,000
Missouri half dollar	29,600
Grant half dollar	28,400
Huguenot-Walloon	55,000

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 24, 1925.

Hampshire County Trust Company,

Northampton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your check for $1.00 and have to advise that the Huguenot-Walloon half dollars are on sale at the Fifth National Bank, New York City, and application should be made to that body for the coins, as the Treasury Department does not distribute special issues.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1925.

Mr. H. B. Munn,
42 Jefferson St.,
Dansville, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 24 please be advised that no one-cent pieces were coined in the year 1815. The records of this Bureau indicate that the years 1815 and 1823 were the only years in which one-cent pieces were not coined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1925.

Mr. John Montgomery,
3021 Elliott Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 22, please be advised that application should be made to the following institutions or bodies for the special coins indicated:

Stone Mountain half dollar -	Federal Reserve Bank in your district.
Ft. Vancouver half dollar -	Ft. Vancouver Centennial Association, Fort Vancouver, Washington.
Bennington half dollar -	Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Association, Bennington, Vermont.

This Department has not been advised who will distribute the California half dollar.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 24, 1925.

Mr. Frederick S. Owen,
General Delivery,
Waltham 54, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your card. of April 23 please be advised that the Huguenot-Walloon half dollars are on sale at the Fifth National Bank, New York City, and application should be made to that bank for the coins.

Respectfully,

M. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1925.

United Verde Copper Company,
20 Exchange Place,
New York N. Y.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated February 26, 1925, requesting the usual data from which to prepare the annual estimate of production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1924.

Your reply has not yet been received in this office and I trust it will be convenient for you to forward same at an early date.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 27, 1925.

The Ohio Injector Company,
Sales Department,
Wadsworth, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 23 relative to the purchase of O.I.C. valves, please be advised that there are no operative departments in Washington under this Bureau. Purchases are made by the officers in charge of the field institutions on competitive bids. The following officials may be interested in your product:

Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office, New York City.
" " Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " Mint, Denver, Colorado.
" " Mint, San Francisco, Calif.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 27, 1925.

Mr. A. G. Kimberland,
42 Clinton Avenue,
Ossining, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 23 relative to the purchase of Colonial money by the Treasury Department, please be advised that the Government Numismatic Collection is on display at the National Museum, Washington, D.C., and I would suggest that you write to the Curator of History at that institution, Mr. T. T. Belote, who has charge of the collection.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 27, 1925.

Mr. Robert Minasian,
c/o F. D. Ives,
52 Gilbert St.,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 24 please be advised that the Lexington-Concord half dollars may be obtained from the Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass., and the Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Mass. It is understood they are sold at a premium. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 27, 1925.

Hon. Thomas H. Bell,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Bell:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 25, together with a letter from Joseph B. Hawkins, Blue Ridge, Ga., which I return herewith.

No Liberty Head nickels were coined in 1913. The five-cent piece of the current design was adopted in that year, and Liberty Head nickels were last made in 1912.

If paper money reaching the Treasury Department is unfit for restoration to circulation it is replaced by new certificates and the old certificates are destroyed. If there is no record of the destruction of the currency, of course no reissues are effected.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 27, 1925.

Mr. J. D. Unterdorfer,
Vice President Reliance StateBank,
Madison & Ogden,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 25 please be advised that the Huguenot-Walloon half dollars may be obtained from the Fifth National Bank, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 27, 1925.

Mr. Baldwyn Fletcher,
Safe Deposit Department,
The Fletcher American National Bank,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the watch case and match box forwarded by you for sale to this Department. There is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government, and the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases jewelry scrap only when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 28, 1925.

Mr. G. M. Baugh,
Route 5, Staunton Pike,
Parkesburg, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of april 27, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this Bureau for attention, please be advised that no silver dollars were coined in 1822.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1925.

Mr. Clarence E. Hill,
Edward A. Tucker Company,
Converse Building,
101 Milk Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

In response to your letter of recent date addressed to the Treasury Department, I take pleasure in enclosing copy of a pamphlet entitled "Paper Currency and Standard Silver Dollars", an excerpt from the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury for the fiscal year 1924, which, it is believed, will cover the scope of your inquiry.

Respectfully,

Mary M. Reddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1925.

Mr. Martin M. Major,
Route 4,
St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Mary M. McCall

H. J. Grant
Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1925.

Mr. J. J. Burns,

Fuget, Kentucky.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1925.

Dr. W. R. Knight,
1010 Delta Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 27 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, purchases gold bullion in the form of dental scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The material is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Small quantities are not accepted.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
5 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 23, in which you state that your company guaranteed the fidelity of Francis W. Braddock as Clerk in the United States Assay Office, New York City, by bond dated March 28, 1923, and that your office has been informed that Mr. Braddock has executed a new bond with another company, please be advised that such new bond was approved by the Secretary's office under date of April 24, 1925.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 22 relative to the new bond obtained from your company by Jacob J. Goldhammer, an employee of the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, dated April 13, 1925, in the sum of $3,000, please be advised that this bond was approved by the Secretary's office under date of April 25, 1925.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 28, 1925.

Mr. Earl Bellis,
2 Stevens Road,
Worcester, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 27 please be advised that the Lexington-Concord coins are on sale at the Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Mass., and at the Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1925.

Mr. Miguel A. Veloz G.,
Puerto Plata,
Dominican Republic.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 16, but the sample referred to has not been received and I would suggest that you trace the same.

In case another sample is forwarded I would suggest that you send it to the Director, Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1925.

Honorable Tasker L. Oddie,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Oddie:

Herewith please find list of silver coins which accompanied your letter of April 24th, with notations on margin of certain corrections as to fine silver content. Most of the changes are very small; but in the case of the Polish Zloty the specifications of the coin have been modified to a weight of 5 grams 750 fine. With regard to the Austrian Schilling, the silver content given on margin is that of the coin as provided by the new coinage law. However, the United States Consul at Vienna is quoted in Commerce Reports of February 2, 1925, to the effect that a proposal had been submitted to the legislative body which would reduce this coin from the weight of 7 grams 800 fine to a weight of 6 grams 640 fine; the fine silver content would therefore be 59.2602 fine grains. The London "Statist" of March 7, 1925, states that this change was made.

Attached hereto please find an additional schedule of certain silver coins, now in existence or provided for by monetary laws now effective, with their silver content in fine grains.

The pamphlet "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" issued by this office is now in course of revision and it is hoped will be ready for the printer some time during the current calendar year.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1925.

Mr. R. W. Carlson,
1007 Stephenson Avenue,
Escanaba, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover is being forwarded a copy of the last report of the Director of the Mint which includes a record of coinage executed by denominations and by years.

In conformity with request in your letter of April 27, you are advised that up to the present time Lexington half dollars have been coined to the amount of $75,000.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1925.

Collect Night

Paul Jean Kraint,
4314 Huntington Avenue,
c/o Mrs. George W. Burchs,
Newport News, Virginia.

Price of medals to be thirty cents each Please have wire sent to Director of Mint from Norse American Corporation if price is acceptable

M. H. O'Reilly
Acting Director Mint

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April 30, 1925.

Mr. Charles R. Berger,
New York University Daily News,
University Heights,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 29 I take pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924. I have also forwarded a copy of the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, which may prove to be of more satisfactory service to you in the way of statistical matter covering the subject of your letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 30, 1925.

Mr. Paul Steidel,
60 Jay Avenue,
Maspeth, Long Island, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 27 please be advised that $35,022 in Alabama half dollars were coined. Huguenot-Walloon coins to the amount of $71,040 were struck.

These coins were struck at the Philadelphia Mint, under authority of special acts of Congress. The Alabama coin commemorated the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Alabama into the Union. The Huguenot-Walloon coins commemorated the three hundredth anniversary of the settling of the Middle States by the Huguenots and Walloons.

Respectfully,

M. M. Stack

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

April 30, 1925.

Mr. Charles Miller,
3737 Park Heights Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 30, please be advised that the pieces to which you refer, known as "Spielmarkes", were of private issue, were illegal, and their issue was suppressed.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 1, 1925.

Mr. P. L. Harris,
Earlville, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 29 please be advised that the half dollar commemorating the Battle of Lexington and Concord are on sale at the Lexington Trust Company and at the Concord National Bank, at Lexington, Mass., and Concord, Mass., respectively.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 1, 1925.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Company,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

We are again in receipt of one of your vouchers which is not intended for this office, and have to request that the attention of your bookkeepers be invited to the fact that these vouchers should not be sent to Washington, but to the institution making the purchase. Continual sending of these vouchers to this Bureau has the effect of delaying payment of your account.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 1, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 25, in which you state that your company has been advised that Mr. Patrick Hughes, an employee of the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, has recently field a bond executed by another company, please be advised that this new bond was approved by the Secretary's Office under date of April 29, 1925. It is understood that prior to the execution of this bond Mr. Hughes had been bonded by your company.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 22, in which you state that your company has been advised that Mr. Clarence M. Phillips, an employee of the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, has recently filed a bond executed by another company, please be advised that this new bond was approved by the Secretary's Office under date of April 29, 1925. It is understood that prior to the execution of this bond Mr. Phillips has been bonded by your company.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 30, 1925.

Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your letter RB:GHA of April 27 addressed to the Treasurer of the United States concerning payment for stamped envelope embossing dies made by the Philadelphia mint has been referred to this office for reply. The warrant should be drawn in favor of "Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia", and mailed to that official, he being the payee of the vouchers rendered the Post Office Department and being a disbursing officer rendering accounts to the General Accounting Office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Collect May 2, 1925.

Hon. O. J. Kvale,
Benson, Minnesota.

Expect to begin to strike medals within ten days From then on will strike at least five hundred a day

R. J. Grant
Director

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 2, 1925.

Hon. James A. Wetmore,
Surveyor General of Real Estate,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am submitting renewal lease covering the premises now occupied by the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, for the period July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926, at an annual rental of $2,100, with request for the clearance of the lease for these premises. No other property suitable for the purposes of the United States Assay Office is obtainable at the rental asked for this property.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 2, 1925.

Hon James A. Wetmore,
Surveyor General of Real Estate,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

For your information I am enclosing a copy of an option given by Edith G. Prosch to the Secretary of the Treasury, covering the premises now occupied by the United States Assay Office, Seattle.

The premises in question is now occupied by the Assay Office under a lease granted by Miss Prosch, renewal of which, for the period July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926, has today been forwarded to you for clearance.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
Assay Office of the United States
Seattle, Wash.

April 24, 1925.

In consideration of One Dollar, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby give to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States an option to buy from me the following described property, to-wit: - The South twenty feet of Lot Two (2) and all of Lot Three (3) both in Block Sixty-nine (69), Terry's First Addition to Seattle, County of King, State of Washington, for the consideration of Twenty thousand Dollars ($20,000.00). I agree to furnish purchases with an abstract thereof showing a good and marketable title in and to said property free and clear of any and all liens and incumbrances. This option to extend to January First, 1927.

(signed) Edith G. Prosch
Administratrix of the Estate of
Thomas W. Prosch, Deceased.

May 2, 1925.

Mr. David Adler,
1205 Tenth Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 1 suggesting the coinage of a one and one-half cent piece.

As you are aware, the striking of a coin of another denomination than those now authorized would require an act of Congress. Bills of this nature introduced in the past have failed of enactment. Your interest in the matter, however, is appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 2, 1925.

Mr. E. Titus Black,

Scio, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 1, please be advised that no Illinois Centennial half dollars were returned to the Mint for destruction.

When special coins are returned to the Mint they are not again placed in circulation, but are destroyed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 2, 1925.

Mr. Arthur Morris,
111 Plume Street,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Morris:

Your letter of April 30 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred by him to this office for attention.

As you are aware, the coinage of a seven-cent piece would require an act of Congress. On several occasions bills have been introduced for the striking of coins of another denomination than those now in circulation, and while in many instances the issue of such coins has had a large number of advocates the idea also meets with very strong opposition, and all bills of this kind which have been introduced have failed of enactment.

The Secretary appreciates your courteous allusion to him.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1925.

Mr. Arthur Morris,
111 Plume Street,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Morris:

Your letter of April 30 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred by him to this office for attention.

As you are aware, the coinage of a seven-cent piece would require an act of Congress. On several occasions bills have been introduced for the striking of coins of another denomination than those now in circulation, and while in many instances the issue of such coins has had a large number of advocates the idea also meets with very strong opposition, and all bills of this kind which have been introduced have failed of enactment.

The Secretary appreciates your courteous allusion to him.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1925.

Rev. J. Jansen,
Route 3,
Lenox, South Dakota.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the specimen of rock submitted by you for assay and have to advise that the same contains no metals of any value, it being a piece of granite altered by weathering.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 4, 1925.

Miss Ella W. Cearfoss,
Route No. 1, Box 148,
Lockport, Ill.

Madam:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that the same contains no gold or other precious metal, and is of no commercial value.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 4, 1925.

W. B. Coleman & Company,
15th and Wallace Streets,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of April 23 addressed to the Acting Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, relative to the treating of boilers, has been referred to this office.

Your letter has been read with interest and has been placed on file for reference in case it becomes practicable for the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to go into the subject with you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 4, 1925.

Credito Italiano,
63 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 30, it is suggested that the copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint recently forwarded to you contains on pages 36 and 224 information relative to the production of gold and silver for a series of years. It is thought possible that the tables were overlooked by you, and if the tables referred to are not satisfactory please advise this Bureau and we will make another effort to assist you. Incidentally I would suggest that as this Bureau was not established until 1873 the Annual Reports antedating that period are practically out of print.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 4, 1925.

Miss Jane Aherns,
131 N. 3rd Street,
St. Charles, Mo.

Madam:

Replying to your card of recent date please be advised that no Liberty Head nickels were coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 5, 1925.

Mr. M. S. Cohen, Manager,
Fort Vancouver Centennial,
Vancouver, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 30, in which you request the return of the plaster models of the design for the coin commemorating the centennial of Fort Vancouver, which design has been found unsatisfactory, please be advised that it is the practice of the Department under the law and regulations to retain in the possession of the Government models submitted for duly authorized coins.

In reply to your inquiry as to the deficiences that were found in the model, I would suggest that an acceptable model must be in low relief, the cast to be not less than eight inches or more than nine and one-half inces in diameter, including a margin of about one inch beyond the design of the coin. The model submitted was of very deep relief and would be mechanically impossible in the coinage press. The design itself, which was inspected by the Chairman of the Fine Arts Commission as to its artistic merits, was not officially passed upon. In any case, should the mechanical arrangement of the model be satisfactory the design would have to have the favorable judgment of the Fine Arts Commission before it could be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for approval.

It is the understanding of this Bureau that Senator Jones' secretary has been in communication with you in regard to other models.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant

Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 5, 1925.

Mr. John R. Bateren,
Prairie Depot, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of recent date addressed to the Secretary of State has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The price of the metals you refer to changes from day to day. The price of silver for May 4 was about 68 cents per fine ounce. The price of copper is in the neighborhood of 14 cents a pound, and the price of nickel about 32 cents a pound.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 5, 1925.

Rt. Rev. George Winslow Plummer,
321 West 101st Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 4 please be advised that the practice of striking proof coins was discontinued by the Mints several years ago.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 5, 1925.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher, in amount $8,007.89, payable from the "Special Fund-Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold." It is requested that the proceeds of the check in payment be deposited in the Treasury by C. D. to the credit of the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1925", as reimbursement on account of recoinage into dollars of silver bullion purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918.

Will you kindly indicate on the accompanying duplicate letter the C. D. number and date and return to this office for our information.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 5, 1925.

Mr. H. C. Coles, District Secretary,
Second United States Civil Service District,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of May 2 addressed to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, requesting a copy of the Regulations governing the Mint and Assay Service, has been forwarded to this Bureau.

I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Regulations to be forwarded to you under separate cover.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1925.

Mr. F. W. Joyce,
243 91st Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 4 I take pleasure in enclosing a circular of information covering United States coins and medals, which contains a list of the Presidential medals. No medals of the Presidential series were designed by the sculptor Saint Gaudens.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 5, 1925.

Mr. Edwin D. Dickinson,
University of Michigan, Law School,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 1 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold in the form of bullion when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Gold in the form of ore is not purchased by the Government, and small quantities of gold bullion are not accepted.

Respectfully,

M. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 5, 1925.

Mrs. Wm. A. Hussey,
8 Winter Place,
Melrose, Mass.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 3 please be advised that one-cent pieces to the amount of $71,600 were coined at the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, during the calendar year 1922.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 6, 1925.

Mr. L. M. Burton,
1224 St. Clair Ave.,
Renovo, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 4 please be advised that from the description contained in your letter it is believed the coin is one of private issue.

It is suggested that the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, could advise you whether or not coin dealers pay a premium for this piece.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 6, 1925.

Mr. Delbert Mosher,

Corinth, New York.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 4. and as of possible interest to you, bearing upon the subject matter of your inquiry, I am enclosing circulars of information covering the issue of paper money and coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 6, 1925.

The Deseret News,
Heartiterium Department,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 30 please be advised that the Treasury Department understands that for the design on the silver dollar Mr. Anthony de Francisci employed no particular person as his model. It is understood that the design employed for the coins is an idealized head.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 6, 1925.

American Watch Case Co., Inc.,
11 Maiden Lane,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This office has not yet received your reply to our letters dated February 27 and April 21, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Nearly all reports of dealers and users have been received and your kind cooperation in mailing a prompt reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

May 6, 1925.

John Austin & Sons,
74 Clifford Street,
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

This office has not yet received your reply to our lettersdated February 27 and April 21, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Nearly all reports of dealers and users have been received and your kind cooperation in mailing a prompt reply would be appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 6, 1925.

George Lewis & Company,
53 39th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This office has not yet received your reply to our letters dated February 27 and April 21, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Nearly all reports of dealers and users have been received and your kind cooperation in mailing a prompt reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

May 6, 1925.

United Metals Separation &
Refining Company,
P. O. Box 2126,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

This office has not yet received your reply to our letters dated February 27 and April 21, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Nearly all reports of dealers and users have been received and your kind cooperation in mailing a prompt reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

R:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 6, 1925.

L. Leber & Son, Inc.,
149 New Jersey R. R. Ave.,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

This office has not yet received your reply to our letters dated February 27 and April 21, 1925, requesting data from which to prepare the annual estimate of the consumption of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1924.

Nearly all reports of dealers and users have been received and your kind cooperation in mailing a prompt reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 7, 1925.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith, in quadruplicate, a lease executed between Edith G. Prosch, Administratrix of the Estate of Thomas W. Prosch, Deceased, and the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the United States, covering the premises now occupied by the Seattle Assay Office.

There are also enclosed photostat copies of letters of administration issued to Edith G. Prosch, as evidence of her authority to execute the lease referred to.

The lease is forwarded for you examination as to legal sufficiency and execution.

It is requested that all copies of the lease, together with photostat copies of letters of administration, be returned to this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 7, 1925.

Mr. James H. Harrington,
7620 South Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 5 please be advised that application for the Lexington-Concord coins should be made to either of the following institutions:

Concord National Bank,
Concord, Massachusetts.

Lexington Trust Company,
Lexington, Massachusetts.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 7, 1925.

Mrs. James Bennett,
R.F.D. No. 7,
Washington, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 5 please be advised that the piece you describe is not a coin of the United States. These pieces are known as "tokens", many of which were issued by private parties during the period of the Civil War.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 7, 1925.

Sherman Duggan, Esq.,
United States Attorney,
Valdez, Alaska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 25 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, will accept deposits of gold jewelry scrap and gold coins if the same approximates or exceeds $100.00 in value. This material is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 7, 1925.

Mr. Wm. H. Allen, Editor,
Looseleaf Current Topics,
1125 Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 6 relative to initials marked on certain coins of the United States, the following is submitted:

There are three coinage mints in the United States, located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. The mints at New Orleans and Carson City ceased coinage operations several year ago. Coins struck at Philadelphia are to recognized by the absence of a mint mark. Coins struck at Denver bear the letter "D", while those struck at the Mint in San Francisco bear the letter "S". The mint mark of the New Orleans mint was the letter "O", and Carson City "CC".

In addition to the above, several of the coins are marked with the initials of the designers. The silver dollar, designed by Mr. Anthony de Francisci, bears the initials "AF". The half dollar,"W" for the designer, Mr. Adolph Weinman, who also designed the dime of current issue. The letter "M" on the quarter dollar is the initial of Mr. Hermon MacNeil, the designer of the coin. The letter "F" on the five-cent piece is the initial of Mr. James E. Fraser, the designer. Victor D. Brenner designed the one-cent piece, and the initials "VDB" appeared on a great number of these coins when first issued, but were later removed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 7, 1925.

Mr. F. W. Lambertson,
Hotel Overland,
Meeteetse, Wyoming.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 29 please be advised that the piece you describe is one of a series of Presidential medals. It was a custom in the early years of the Republic to present these medals to friendly Indian chiefs as tokens of peace and friendship. A medal list is enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 7, 1925.

Mr. I. Fox,
140 Middlesex St.,
Lowell, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 5 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, purchases gold jewelry scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Small quantities are not accepted. Deposits are paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 7, 1925.

Mr. Clarence E. Hill,
101 Milk Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 5 the following is submitted:

Experience has convinced the Department that paper money in large denominations is not convenient for the general public. Your suggestion that $1.00 notes be retired and small coins of the value of $1.00 be issued in their place would, in the estimation of this Department, not be practicable. As you are aware, gold certificates are issued to cover gold coin and bullion held in the Treasury. The circulation of gold coins is wasteful and expensive and the gold certificates provide that circulation in a more convenient form.

The law provides that 23.22 grains of pure gold shall have attached to them the value of $1.00. This very small quantity of gold necessarily produces a small coin. The issue of $1.00 gold pieces was discontinued several years ago for the reason that they were easily lost and abraded rapidly in circulation. Gold coin when first issued from the Mint contains the exact face value of the coin in precious metal. After the coin is in circulation it is worn by abrasion and loses its intrinsic value, and coin cannot be redeemed at its face value after it has been worn below a certain percentage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 8, 1925.

The Chairman,
Fine Arts Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am forwarding a sketch received in this office for the proposed design for the model of the souvenir half dollar, authorized by Act of Congress approved, February 24, 1925, to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the admission of the State of California into the Union.

The inscriptions on these designs are those required by law. The design itself is submitted for your judgment as to the appropriateness of the same for the purpose intended.

This Bureau will appreciate your courtesy in returning the sketch as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

California's Diamond Jubilee

San Francisco, California.

May 4, 1925.

Mr. Robert J. Grant,
Director U.S. Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are transmitting for your approval sketch design for model of souvenir half dollar coin authorized to commemorate California's Diamond Jubilee Year, 1925.

The sketch design is the work of Mr. Jo Mora, California sculptor, who was selected by the Citizens' Committee planning the Jubilee celebration to be held in San Francisco in September.

There has been, unfortunately, some dalay in the preparation of the design and Senator Samuel M. Shortridge has called our attention to the necessity for quick action.

A finished design, with model, will be made by Mr. Mora and forwarded to you as soon as possible after the return of the sketch design which, the San Francisco Citizens' Committee trusts, will be acceptable.

Very truly yours,

(s) Angelo J. Rossi
Chairman Citizens' Committee
California's Diamond Jubilee.

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May 8, 1925.

Mr. John Hoberg,
293 Rowena Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Lexington-Concord coins may be obtained from the following institutions:

Lexington Trust Company,
Lexington, Massachusetts.

Concord National Bank,
Concord, Massachusetts.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1925.

Mr. J. F. McMachern,
5006 Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 5, together with package said to contain scrap gold. As there is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the Government, I have today forwarded your parcel to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. That officer will advise you whether or not the deposit may be accepted. The Mint is not required to accept deposits which do not total $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1925.

Mr. J. P. Moyers,
Goin, Tennessee.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

A visual examination of the material would indicate that it is iron pyrites, and of no value.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 8, 1925.

Mr. F. L. Davis,
Fremont County Bank,
Sugar City, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 5 please be advised that application should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia, for the Stone Mountain coins.

Mr. Hollins N. Randolph is President of the Association.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Mr. R. F. White,
The Sullivan Union,
Sullivan, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 5 please be advised that the piece you describe is known as a "token", and is not a coin of the United States. These pieces were issued in great numbers by private parties.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1925.

Mr. F. H. Whipperman,
The Logansport Loan & Trust Co.,
Logansport, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 4 please be advised that application for the Stone Mountain coins should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurt Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 9, 1925.

Mr. P. H. Hertzog,
The Peddie School,
Hightstown, New Jersey.

Sir:

Your letter of April 23 addressed to the Bureau of Mines has been referred to this Bureau by the United States Geological Survey, and I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, which contains data concerning the use of gold and silver in the industries.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 9, 1925.

Mr. W. H. Dorin,
P. O. Box 758,
Richmond, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 7 in which you state that you wish to dispose of a silver cup, please be advised that the Government is not in the market for silver and will not be able to receive the cup as a deposit.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 9, 1925.

Mr. Joseph M. Krzyzan, Assistant Secretary,
The Youngstown Savings Co.,
18 East Federal Street,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 6 in which you request to be supplied with one-cent pieces dating from 1850 and for each consecutive year to the last issue, please be advised that coins are not segregated by years in the mints or in the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 9, 1925.

Mr. James B. Moore,
74 Leonard Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of May 6 addressed to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Dewey has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

As you are no doubt aware, an act of Congress would be required to change the design or type of coins now in circulation, or issue coins of another denomination than those now issued. Your interest in the matter, however, is appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 9, 1925.

Mr. A. Wetmore, Assistant Secretary,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of May 6 relative to the receipt of twenty-nine specimens of modern gold, silver and bronze coins received by the Museum from Henry Chapman, 333 South Sixteenth Street, Philadelphia.

I am returning the list with the request that you cause Mr. Chapman to render the account on the enclosed form of voucher and return the same to this office with the endorsement that the coins have been received. This Bureau will then forward the voucher to the United States Mint at Philadelphia for payment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 9, 1925.

Mr. John S. Scully, Vice-President,
Rees, Scully & Forshay, Inc.,
111 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Scully:

I have your letter of May 7 relative to Russian coins included in a deposit offered at the New York Assay Office. The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York is under instructions to receive no Russian coin, and I am sorry we are not in position to waive the regulation in this instance.

Respectfully yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1925.

Mr. F. J. Merrill,

Solon, Maine.

Sir:

I am returning the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D. assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1925.

Mr. Clarence H. Hill,
101 Milk Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I have your letter of May 9 referring to previous correspondence with this Bureau.

As you are aware, no change could be made in our present system of coinage without authority from Congress, and the Department is not in position to express an opinion as to the suggestion you made in advance of any action taken by Congress. I take pleasure in assuring you, however, of the appreciation of this Department for the interest you have taken in the matter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1925.

Hon. Francisco Sanchez Latour,
Minister of Guatemala,
1521 New Hampshire Ave.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of May 9 in confirmation of our conversation on the telephone relative to the matter of purchasing for the Government of Guatemala the silver and copper necessary for the coinage of 500,000 Quetzales.

Relative to the typographical error expressing 1,600,000 quarters instead of 1,160,000 quarters, please be advised that this error was noted, and the mint understands that the order rests for 1,160,000 quarters of a quetzal , or 290,000 Quetzales.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1925.

Mr. H. C. Hollenger,
2427 N. Albany Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 8 please be advised that application for the half dollar commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Admission of the State of California into the Union should be made to the Citizens Committee, California's Diamond Jubilee, Room 1014 Merchants Exchange Building, San Francisco, California.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1925.

Mr. E. M. Mix,
Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 7 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1925.

Mr. H. A. Elder,

Lock Seven, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 6 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore at made by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1925.

Mr. Geo. A. Scott,
663½ Wabash Avenue,
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 9 please be advised that the Act approved January 14, 1925 authorized the striking of fifty-cent pieces to the number of three hundred thousand, in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

All special coins are turned over by the mints at face value to agents designated to receive them, and are usually sold at a premium by such agents to help defray the cost of celebrating the event which brought about their issue. Special coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department. It is understood that the distribution of the Lexington-Concord coins will be handled by the Lexington Trust Company of Lexington, Mass., and the Concord National Bank of Concord, Mass.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1925.

Prince George Hotel,
28th and Madison Ave.,
New York City. Attention Mr. Moulton.

Gentlemen:

Please reserve a single room for me Wednesday night, the 13th.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1925.

Mr. H. C. Benweinler, Assistant Cashier,
The National Bank of Tacoma,
Tacoma, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 6, please be advised that the designs for the Vancouver coin have not yet been submitted. The place where these coins will be executed has not yet been determined upon, but that will probably be executed at the Mint in San Francisco. As the designs must be submitted by the Vancouver Centennial Association the coinage depends upon the time proper designs are submitted to the Department by that Association.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1925.

Mr. K. D. Holley, Jr.,
Bank of Coushatta,
Coushatta, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 8 please be advised that the coin you describe is of private issue, and prior to the establishment of the United States Mint at San Francisco gold had been stamped and placed in circulation as coin by bankers, commercial houses, and assayers.

I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society for information relative to the premium paid by coin dealers for the piece you describe. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

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~~R. L. Crawford~~
Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1925.

Rev. Paul O. Jackson,
Route No. 1, Box 9,
Aldie, Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the coin enclosed in your letter of May 10 and regret to advise you that the same is only a copper one-cent piece.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1925.

Mr. Alvin Hildreth,

Vergas, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your card of May 7, I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which contains the latest information available covering the worlds production of gold and silver.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of April 29, relative to a new bond executed by your company guaranteeing the fidelity of Alden E. Pugh, an employee of the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, please be advised that the Secretary's Office approved this bond under date of May 7, 1925. This bond is dated April 22, 1925, and is in the penal sum of $5,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1925.

Mr. Carl R. Burkhardt,
8 East Fourth St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 9 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover pamphlets covering the monetary system of the United States.

Gold is purchased by the mint at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, which is paid for by check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States. A small charge is made for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The check, of course, may be converted into its equivalent in gold coin.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1925.

Mr. T. A. Johnson,
1611 North Cascade Avenue,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of May 9 suggesting the issue of small coins of aluminum alloys. As you are aware, it would require an act of Congress to issue coins of another denomination, or of other compositions, than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1925.

Mr. R. S. Danforth,
Underwood Building,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Your letter of May 7 addressed to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Dewey has been referred to this Bureau for attention. As you are aware, an Act of Congress would be required to issue a coin of another denomination, size, or composition, than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1925.

Collect

Hon. O. J. Kvale,
Benson, Minnesota.

Will start striking medals Thursday morning and have required number ready before June sixth Letter follows relative gold medals

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint

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May 12, 1925.

Mr. John Carson, Secretary,
c/o Hon. James Couzens,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of May 11, together with the design for a special half dollar submitted by Mr. A. L. Rowe, Hotel Roosevelt, Detroit, Michigan. The blue print submitted by Mr. Rowe is returned to you under separate cover.

The bill which authorizes the striking of the three coins you mention provides that the United States shall not be put to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for the coinage. It is therefore necessary for the Department to await the submission of designs by the respective organizations having charge of the special coinages referred to in your letter. The design should first be submitted to the organization in charge of the celebration.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 13, 1925.

Mr. Walter A. Kohn,
1315 Cherry Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 12 please be advised that the only one-cent pieces coined in 1922 were manufactured at the United States Mint in Denver. While the mints do not segregate coins by years, it may be possible to obtain a few specimens of the coins from that Mint.

Respectfully,

H. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 13, 1925.

Hon. Charles L. Hoover,
American Consul,
Batavia, Java.

Sir:

Your letter of March 28, 1925, addressed to the Secretary of State, on the subject of statistics regarding the monetary stocks and population of Netherlands Indies, has been referred to this office for reply.

If you will kindly refer to the pamphlet mentioned by you, "The World's Monetary Stocks," etc., you will note at the head of each monetary stock table the statement that values are stated in United States money except paper stock which is stated in the monetary unit of the issuing country. Thus the figures submitted by you in reply to our "Interrogatory", as to gold and silver stocks, were converted from guilders to United States dollars and the dollar equivalent carried to the tables in question. This procedure is necessary in order that values may be on a common basis and world totals determined. In the case of paper circulation no conversion was made to the United States equivalent and no world total thereof made.

Further reference to the pamphlet will show that at the foot of each monetary stock table the statement is made that population figures are from the Statistical Abstract of the United States for 1922. The Statistical Abstract figures are ordinarily used in these tables, but when none are available in the Statistical Abstract the "Interrogatory" figures are used.

As to the quantity used by this office for gold production of Netherlands Indies will state that the figures contained in the pamphlet were obtained from a copy of a report by the Mines Bureau to the Governor General of the Netherlands Indies dated May 28, 1924, which report is of a later date than your report on the "Interrogatory" form. The quantities used in the pamphlet are

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larger for both gold and silver than the quantities in the "Interrogatory." After our Annual Report for 1924 went to press information was received to the effect that a recently published statement of the Mining Department on the production of precious metals in 1923 gave totals of 3,594 kilos gold and 49,113 kilos silver. The Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the current fiscal year will contain these corrections, as per our usual custom. It is noted that the quantity of gold last mentioned approximately agrees with the statement in last paragraph of communication to which this is a reply.

Please accept my thanks for your cooperative interest in providing the data annually called for by this office.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

F. Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 13, 1925.

Mr. E. Rostgaard,
11 Columbia St.,
Hartford, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government does not issue a list of coin dealers, and the Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you seek.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 13, 1925.

The Saxonite Products Company,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 4 please be advised that the furniture polish required by this Bureau is supplied by the Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department.

It may be of interest to you to know that the following field offices under the jurisdiction of this Bureau contract for such supplies:

United States Assay Office,
32 Wall Street, New York City.

United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Inquiries should be addressed to the Superintendents of the respective institutions.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 13, 1925.

Mr. Burbridge Crider,

Tongs, Kentucky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 13, 1925.

Agent,
The Central Railroad Company of New Jersey,
Pier #10, North River Station,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

This office has just received from the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office, 32 Wall St., New York City, the enclosed Agents' Refund No. 99. Our records show that the freight bill referred to covered two shipments per Government Bills of Lading Nos. 497376 and 497397 and was rendered for $8.05. The General Accounting Office, however, by Certificate of Settlement of Account #75891, dated March 27, 1925, approved your claim for settlement in the amount of $6.69, making a disallowance of $1.36. It appears that no overpayment was made to you, therefore no refund is due the Government.

Respectfully,

By M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 13, 1925.

Hon. T. Webber Wilson,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Wilson:

In response to your telephone request of today, I take pleasure in submitting a list of special coins struck, or authorized, since 1921:

Missouri centennial, 1921
Pilgrim Tercentenary, 1921
Grant Memorial, 1922
Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary, 1923
Monroe Centennial, 1923
Stone Mountain, 1924
Lexington-Concord, 1925
Vancouver Centennial, 1925
Battle of Bennington, 1925
California, 75th Anniversary, 1925.

Respectfully,

A. D. Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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Acting Director

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Director of the Mint, Treasury Department

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Wm. Ballantyne & Sons

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1409 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Principles of Electrochemistry, by Jermain Creighton, Published by John Wiley & Sons	1	ea.	3.60
Metallurgy of Non-Ferrous Metals, by William Gowland, Published by J.B. Lippincott Co.	1	ea.	8.50
Electro-Metallurgy by Walter G. McMillan Published by J.B. Lippincott Co.	1	ea.	7.25

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M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Mr. J. E. Ferner,
P.R.R. Office, 10th St., Building,
Tyrone, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 11 please be advised that the Government does not distribute special coins. Applications for these coins should be made as indicated below:

Illinois half dollar	State Treasurer, Springfield, Illinois.
Stone Mountain half dollar	Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Ga.
Lexington-Concord half dollar	Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass., and Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Mass.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1925.

Hon. Ira G. Hersey,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Hersey:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 13, together with a letter from Mr. Charles E. Hathaway, Millinocket, Maine, in regard to the distribution of the half dollars commemorating the commencement of work on Stone Mountain, Georgia.

I am returning Mr. Hathaway's letter and suggest you advise him to address the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, for information in regard to the distribution of these coins. The Government, of course, does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Advance Battery Corporation,
109 Prince Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 8 please be advised that the heads of the field institutions of the Mint and Assay Service purchase their supplies direct from the dealers. I would suggest that you write to the Superintendents of the following institutions requesting that your firm name be placed on file to receive circular proposals covering purchases and supplies in your line:

United States Assay Office,
32 Wall Street, New York City.

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

United States Mint, San Francisco, Calif.

Respectfully,

D. M. Roach

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Miss Alice K. O'Connor, Librarian,
Farmington Village Library,
Farmington, Connecticut.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 12 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover pamphlets covering the monetary system of the United States. The Government purposely avoids publishing information describing the processes employed in the manufacture of money. For information relative to paper money, I would suggest that you address the Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1925.

Mr. Robert Quesnel,
Mentor, Minnesota.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1925.

Mr. R. I. Giddens,

Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 13 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold jewelry scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. These deposits are paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, and charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

F. M. Shelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 13, 1925.

Miss Katherine D. Blake,
Principal, Public School No. 6,
Manhattan, New York City.

Madam:

Your letter of May 11 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office for attention.

In order to obtain uncirculated silver dollars I would suggest that you address the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., that officer having charge of the distribution of coins. Should you, by any inadvertence, have difficulty in obtaining these coins, please advise this Bureau and we will assist you in obtaining them.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 15, 1925.

Director of Supply,
Bureau of Supply,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Will you kindly furnish this office with separate signed vouchers covering postage stamps used by the Warehouse of the Bureau of Supply for shipments to Mint Service field institutions during the month of November, 1924. Voucher submitted by you, amount $4.79, covers postage used for shipments to four separate offices. As each office has its own disbursing officer who pays expenses locally, separate sub-vouchers are needed for each institution.

In future, when postage is used for more than one office during the same month, will you kindly furnish separate vouchers to cover.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 15, 1925.

Miss Helen Hall, Secretary,
The Minneapolis School of Art,
200 East Twenty Fifth Street,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 12 relative to competition open to artists to obtain designs for coins to be struck for the Sesquicentennial Exposition to be held in Philadelphia, I would suggest that you write to the Sesquicentennial Exhibition Association, Independence Square, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Ordnance Department,
U. S. Army.
(Major P. J. O'Shaughnessy,
Room 3068 Munitions Building,)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher of the New York Assay Office in the sume of $289.50, charges incidental to assaying samples of platinum. It is understood that report of the assays was made to you by the acting Superintendent of the Assay Office under date of May 6, 1925.

The bill should be paid by check drawn in favor of "Superintendent U. S. Assay Office, New York", and forwarded to that officer.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 16, 1925.

Hon. O. J. Kvale,
Benson, Minnesota.

Dear Congressman Kvale:

I returned from Philadelphia last night. While there I took up the matter of making some of the Norse-American medals in gold. In order to make medals the size of the $20.00 gold piece we would have to have new dies, which would take at least three weeks to make. The cost would be $300 for the dies, and a charge for the metal contained in the medal according to weight. Using the same alloy as a gold coin, a medal the size of a $20.00 gold piece could be made for $20.00, with a few cents additional for labor, depending on the number wanted. We can make some gold medals from the present dies, the same shape as the silver and about the thickness of the present medal, for approximately $15.00 each, but these medals would have to be weighed and paid for according to weight, and they could be made right away.

We hope to turn over to the bank in Philadelphia 2,000 of your medals Tuesday, and will turn over the full 40,000 by about the first of June.

On account of trouble we have had with the present dies we were about a week later starting than we expected, and the work is going to be slower than we had hoped.

Respectfully yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 16, 1925.

Mr. Gray Staunton,
320 Howard Avenue,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your two letters of May 12, requesting that a few duplicate medals of award, issued to you by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company, be struck at the United States Mint in Philadelphia.

This Bureau is without authority to authorize the delivery of award medals commemorative of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to any one save the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company. Section 2 of the Act approved January 16, 1915, is quoted for your information:

> "That medals and diplomas, with appropriate devices, emblems, and inscriptions commemorative of said Panama Pacific International Exposition and of the awards to be made to the exhibitors thereat, shall be prepared by the Secretary of the Treasury at the United States mint at Philadelphia, and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, said medals and diplomas to be delivered to said Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company subject to the provisions of section fifty-two of the coinage Act of eighteen hundred and seventy-three and upon payment of the cost of the material composing said medals or diplomas."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

It is suggested that if you could secure authority from the Exposition Company to have these medals delivered to you, the mint would be in position to strike the same for you.

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Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 15 requesting that one hub and two seals for the Library of Congress be made at the United States Mint in Philadelphia.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to proceed with this work upon receipt from you of the die and three pieces of blank steel required for making the same. In order that the work may be expedited will you please forward these materials direct to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 16, 1925.

Mr. R. R. Rowland,

Walling, Tennessee.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the stone forwarded with your letter of May 13 and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination of these stones would indicate that they are of no value.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 15, 1925.

Mr. R. C. Barber,
Route 4,
Canton, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 12 please be advised that the coin forwarded by you is a copper one-cent piece. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and inasmuch as this piece has been mutilated and badly abraded it is not believed that coin dealers would place any particular value upon it.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing for your files the original copy of a lease covering the premises occupied by the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, for the term beginning July 1, 1925 and ending June 30, 1926, which has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1925.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of April, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Domestic unrefined silver	80,564.97	fine	ounces
Foreign " "	139,448.98	"	"
Foreign silver coin	296.30	"	"

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

F.

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May 18, 1925.

Survey Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of April, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Unrefined domestic gold . . . . . 83,487.583 fine ounces
Unrefined domestic silver . . . . . 80,554.97 " "

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

F.

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May 18, 1925.

Mr. Walter W. Zopp,
Merchants National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 14 please be advised that $75,045 in Lexington-Concord half dollars were coined at the Philadelphia Mint to the close of April, 1925.

Application for these coins should be made to:

Concord National Bank,
Concord, Massachusetts.

Lexington Trust Company,
Lexington, Massachusetts.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1925.

Mrs. L. W. Bolen,
Hornersville Mercantile Company,
Hornersville, Mo.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 13 please be advised that the coins you describe was not issued in its present condition by the mint, the reproduction of the city hall of New York having evidently been superimposed on the coin by private parties. It has no value as a coin, and the Government does not undertake to pass upon the numismatic value of such pieces. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for information regarding the coin.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1925.

Miss Edna A. Waters,
501 Citizens Building,
West Palm Beach, Florida.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 13 please be advised that the Government does not pass upon the numismatic value of coins, and pays no premium on any issue of coins.

I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for information regarding the value of old coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1925.

Mr. Charles S. Thomas,
First National Bank Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 14 I take pleasure in enclosing a table of subsidiary coinage, by months, from February, 1921 to the close of business April 30, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1925.

Mr. D. K. Irvine,

Fort Washakie, Wyoming.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 9 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

[illegible] J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1925.

Mrs. O. P. R. Ogilvie, Librarian,
Department of Mines,
Ottawa, Canada.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 14, I have taken pleasure in causing copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years 1923 and 1924 to be forwarded to you under separate cover. I regret to advise you that the supply of Reports for the fiscal year 1922 has been exhausted.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1925.

Mr. Charles E. Ozanne,
2173 Cummington Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 15 please be advised that it is not unlawful to melt down coins of the United States. It is unlawful, however, to mutilate coins or fraudulent reduce them in weight with the intention to place them in circulation as currency.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1925.

Mr. Lewis E. Coy,
32 Tudor Street,
Chelsea, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of May 9 addressed to the President of the United States, suggesting the issue of a 2½-cent piece, has been referred to this Bureau for further consideration.

As you are aware, an act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation. Bills of this nature heretofore introduced in Congress have failed of enactment. Your interest in the matter, however, is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 16, 1925.

Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I recommend the approval of the United States Government Proposed Master Specifications for Plastic Fire Clay Refractories, submitted by the Subcommittee on Refractories, F.S.B.

Respectfully,

Assayer, Bureau of the Mint.

Bureau of the Mint, May 18, 1925.

Approved and respectfully forwarded to Mr. R. F. Geller, Vice-chairman, F.S.B., Sub-Committee on Refractories, Bureau of Standards, IX-3.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1925.

American Gas Furnace Company,
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Please quote your price for your Pressure Blower, No. 3, air capacity 179 cubic feet per minute, and also the combination blower and motor, both with and without the cast-iron base.

These prices are for delivery at the Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 19, 1925.

Mr. Dan C. Vaughan, Director of Supply,
Bureau of Supply, Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 15 requesting an estimate of the cost of badges desired by the Internal Revenue Service, I have to submit the following:

The cost of manufacturing 2250 Prohibition and 400 Narcotic badges will be at the rate of 55 cents each. In addition the dies for these badges will cost $75.00 each.

I am enclosing a sample badge struck in the form of a shell. It is suggested that the badge proposed to be made will be slightly heavier than the enclosed specimen and properly finished on the edges.

Upon receipt of your reply that these terms are acceptable, together with instructions as to the proposed weight of the badge, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be instructed to proceed immediately with the preparation of the badges.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 19, 1925.

Mr. Roy L. Adrian,
933 E. State,
Long Beach, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 13 please be advised that the Treasury Department does not issue illustrations of coins. For information relative to paper currency I would suggest that you address the Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 19, 1925.

Mr. Paul R. Le Ger,

Perry, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 15 please be advised that the Government does not publish illustrations of coins. A list of coins manufactured is to be found in the Report of the Director of the Mint, copy of which has been forwarded to you.

No Liberty Head nickels were coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1925.

Mr. Charles Y. Bodine,
Hillside House,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 18 please be advised that no coins will be issued to commemorate the Battle of Bunker Hill, as Congress did not authorize the issue of coins to commemorate this event.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1925.

Mr. Julian W. Hagberg,
Central Trust Company of Illinois,
125 West Monroe Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 18 please be advised that the striking of a 50-cent piece to commemorate the Battle of Lexington and Concord was authorized by Congress, and was the only denomination authorized to commemorate this event.

A monthly statement is issued by this Bureau covering the coinage executed by the mints, and your name has been placed on the list to receive a copy of this statement.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1925.

Miss Ida Mae Brown,

Lonaconing, Maryland.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 19 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. No Liberty Head nickels were coined in 1913, the Buffalo design having been adopted and issued in that year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Collect

May 20, 1925.

Angelo J. Rossi,
California Diamond Jubilee Headquarters,
1032 Merchants Exchange Building,
San Francisco, California.

Design submitted by this Bureau to Fine Arts Commission May eighth
Just advised Commission meets tomorrow and will report Friday morning.

Grant
Director Mint

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May 21, 1925.

Hon. O. J. Kvale,
Benson, Minnesota.

Dear Congressman Kvale:

I have your letter of May 18. If you will be kind enough to procure a $10.00 gold piece and a 25-cent silver piece you will find that to make a disk half way between these two coins would appear to be purposeless, the difference is so slight.

I am enclosing a strike of the medal from the dies we are now using, made on a disk of the size of a 50-cent piece. What would you think of striking the gold medals in the form in which this medal is struck; that is, using the dies we are now using to make the silver medals, but striking the piece on a round disk so that the medal will appear as this specimen with an outside circular line carrying the octagonal design of the medal? This will distinguish the gold medals from the silver and obviate the necessity for making new dies for smaller medals in gold. Should we undertake to reduce both sides of the die now being used it would be physically impossible to accomplish this mechanical process in less time than four or five weeks.

If you approve the suggestion to make the gold medals in the shape and size of the one enclosed; that is, not trimming, but leaving the disk in circular shape with the octagonal design superimposed, I believe you will have a very beautiful medal, quite distinct from the silver one, and at the same time we can use the dies we now have on hand. This will obviate the expense of making new dies, and save time.

We could make these medals in gold, the size of the sample we are enclosing, for about $12.00 each, the gold to be 14 carat fineness. This we could do within a few days, or in time to have the gold medals delivered with the silver ones by the first of June.

I note your limitation to about $8.00 for the gold medals, but when you figure, in addition to that, the cost of making new dies and the loss of time, now very valuable to you in this matter, perhaps you will favorably consider having the gold medals made in

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the shape above suggested, and at not more than $12.00 each.

It is very difficult to determine the exact cost of these medals in advance, as we are not sure of the exact weight of gold required to bring up this design, but I believe we are safely within the cost in stating $12.00, and if the medals can be made for less than that of course you will have the benefit of that difference.

If you will kindly wire me your opinion on this suggestion I will instruct the Philadelphia Mint to immediately prepare the disks in gold similar to the sample enclosed.

I will appreciate your courtesy also in returning the enclosed sample for guidance.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 21, 1925.

Mr. P. E. Hogan, Assistant Cashier,
The Cataract National Bank,
Niagara Falls, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 19 please be advised that the Huguenot-Walloon half dollars are distributed by the Fifth National Bank, New York City.

The Grant Memorial half dollars were delivered to the U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins, and it customary for the associations or banks having charge of distribution to sell the coins at a premium.

Respectfully.

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 21, 1925.

Miss Marie De Mattia,
c/o De Mattia Wire Works, Inc.,
Southport, Connecticut.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 20 please be advised that the coining of $1.00 gold pieces was discontinued in 1889. There are none of these coins in the mints and none in the Treasury Department. It is understood that coin dealers hold them at a premium.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 21, 1925.

Mr. John C. Emison,
American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Emison:

Replying to your letter of the 20th, I have not heard from Mr. Petsch or any one connected with the Polish Legation officially for some time. I saw Mr. Petsch for a few minutes in Philadelphia last week, but there was nothing said about the program for the coining of five Zloty pieces. We hope to be able to finish up the 5,000,000 Zloty order before settlement, about the middle of June. Further than that we have no plans, except that we will not be able to coin any Zlotys after that time until the first of next year, 1926. We have not even received the design for one side of the Five Zloty piece as yet.

I am glad to know that they have decided to make the new coins 900 fine.

I expect to be over in New York on the 27th and 28th, and I will take pleasure in getting in touch with you.

Respectfully yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1925.

Miss Agnes E. Higgins,
3856 10th Avenue,
New York City.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 21 please be advised that the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia, has charge of the distribution of the Stone Mountain half dollars.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

May 22, 1925.

Mr. C. C. Spring,
c/o James Miz,
99 North Pearl Street,
Albany, New York.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the ring forwarded with your letter of May 20.

The ring has been examined and found to have been coated with mercury, and the mercury having been removed the ring appears to be in good condition, and is apparently 18 carat in fineness.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1925.

Mr. Elvis Smith,

Eldorado, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 19 please be advised that the piece you describe is not a coin of the United States. These pieces are known as "tokens", many of which were issued by private parties during the period of the Civil War.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1925.

Mr. M. Force Voorhees,
212 Bay 31st St.,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of May 20 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, suggesting the issue of a half-cent coin, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

As you are aware, an act of Congress would be required to issue a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation. Many bills have been introduced in Congress to authorize the issue of coins in the half-cent denomination, but all have failed of enactment. Your interest in the matter is appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1928.

Superintendent of Documents,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing copies of documents issued by the Department of Commerce and addressed to the "U.S. Assay Commission."

May I suggest that the United States Assay Commission be taken off of your mailing list for documents. This Commission is in existence only three days in a year, and documents should not be addressed to them.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1925.

Mr. J. S. Royster,
225 Newark Street,
Bloomfield, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 19 please be advised that the Government does not issue a list of coin dealers or collectors. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City for the information you desire.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1925.

Mrs. Frances A. Johnson,
334 Bedford Road,
Pleasantville, N.Y.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded with your letter of May 20, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

A visual examination of the material would indicate that it is of no value.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1925.

Mr. A. Skival,

Waterport, Orleans County, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded with your letter of May 20 and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

A visual examination of your material would indicate that it is of no value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:
NIGHT LETTER GOVERNMENT.

Washington,
May 22, 1925.

Angelo J. Rossi,
Room 1032,
Merchants Exchange Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

Following report receive by this Bureau this day from Fine Arts Commission.
Quote

The Commission of Fine Arts, at their meeting yesterday, considered the design, submitted by you with your letter of May 8th, for the proposed souvenir half dollar to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the admission of the State of California into the Union. The Commission disapproved the sketch submitted. The figures of the design are not in good proportion, and the sketch would indicate that the designer has not had experience in medalic art. The symbols used would be acceptable if they were interestingly executed, but on the other hand, there might be something which would be far more interesting and with a bigger sense of what California really is. The Commission recommend that the work of making a satisfactory design and models for the California Souvenir coin be placed in the hands of Mr. Robert I. Aitken, 154 West 55th Street, New York City. Mr. Aitken is a native of California and one of the eminent men in his profession in this country. The design which you submitted and a rough sketch, showing suggested changes in the design, are inclosed.

Very respectfully, yours,
H. P. Cammerer
Secretary and Executive Officer. End quote.

Hon.

This Bureau will take no further action until further instructed by you.

Grant, Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128
F—0758

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May 23, 1925.

Hon. Francisco Sanchez Latour,
Minister of Guatemala,
1521 New Hampshire Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This letter will confirm telephone conversation with you of May 22, relative to progress being made at the Mint in Philadelphia on coins for your Government.

Upon receipt of your letter of April 28 giving explicit directions as to the lettering around the edge of the coins for Guatemala, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia began preparation of the mechanical equipment necessary to produce this lettering. The work on the die for the one quetzal has progressed since then until now I am glad to be able to say we will be in position to strike some experimental coins early during the coming week. I believe it to be in accordance with your express desire that specimen coins be submitted to you for inspection before we proceed with the coinage. Upon your approval of the coins produced from these dies the Mint at Philadelphia can immediately coin 10,000 quetzals desired by you.

As soon as the master dies for the quetzal piece were taken from the machine used for preparing them, work was immediately begun on the half quetzal piece and is now progressing. It will take approximately two more weeks to complete this die. Upon completion of the half quetzal dies, the designs will again have to be reduced, requiring approximately three more weeks for the half quetzal dies. Although the dies for the half quetzal pieces can be completed during the month of June, on account of the cessation of operations of the mints during the annual settlement required by law, the coinage of the one-half and one-quarter quetzals cannot be undertaken until late in July or early in August. In the meantime no interruption will be allowed in the preparation of the dies, and upon resumption of operations at the mint the order for the Guatemalan coinage will take precedence over all other work there.

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It is my understanding that you desire to have us hold the 10,000 quetzal pieces until we can execute the coinage of 100,000 one-half quetzals and 160,000 quarter quetzals. Otherwise, we will be able to ship the 10,000 quetzals almost immediately upon receipt of your approval of the dies.

I should like to take this opportunity of assuring you that every effort will be made to expedite the execution of the coins for Guatemala without undue delay on the part of the Mint.

Respectfully yours,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1925.

Oklahoma City Branch,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter of May 18, 1925, signed by R. L. Mathes, Assistant Cashier, addressed to the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., forwarding American Railway Express Company money order #C-9346159, amount 60¢, representing rebate from the Express Company account over-charge on bill covering express charges on shipment of $5,000.00 in nickels made to you by the U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

The records of this office show that the probable shipment referred to was covered by Government Bill of Lading #T-334117, dated November 28, 1924 (not B/L #L7334117) and that payment was made by the Superintendent of the Denver Mint in the correct amount of $66.58, not $67.18, by check #989, dated January 27, 1925, drawn on the Treasurer of the United States. It appears, therefore, that no overpayment was made and the money-order forwarded with your letter is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Collect May 23, 1925.

H. Van Mater,
Colorado Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Commission considering three bids one at mine and two delivered

All about same

R. J. Grant

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May 23, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-25578-T, dated May 5, 1925, of the accounts of Leonard Magruder, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La., for the period October 1 to December 31, 1924:

There is being forwarded herewith letter of explanations, with enclosures, of the Assayer in Charge of the New Orleans Mint for removal of suspensions noted. Concerning suspension of vouchers #17, 23 and 29, Harold C. Kelt, for ice, reference is made to letter of this office to you dated March 23, 1925, regarding Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-22050-T, dated February 20, 1925, of the accounts of the same officer for the period July 1 to September 30, 1924, wherein explanation was made for the removal of suspensions of similar vouchers, and to your reply of March 27, 1925, file C-CIH-7, advising that suspension of these and other vouchers would be removed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-1032-T, dated May 5, 1925, of the "Bullion" accounts of Leonard Magruder, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La., for the period October 1 to December 31, 1924:

Regarding the "Advisory" note on above settlement, carried forward from Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-889-T, dated February 20, 1925, of the same officer's accounts for the period July 1 to September 30, 1924, concerning credit of $200,000.00 which the officer claims he received from Federal Reserve Banks and your request for some form of identification or letter of transmittal in support of the item: Explanation regarding this item was made in letter of this office to you dated March 23, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 9, relative to a new bond recently obtained from your company by Charles F. Schauwecker, an employee of the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, in the sum of $5,000 and dated April 18, 1925, please be advised that this bond was approved by the Secretary's Office under date of May 15, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 30, relative to a new bond recently obtained from your company by James A. Heaney, an employee of the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, in the sum of $3,000, and dated April 14, 1925, please be advised that this bond was approved by the Secretary's Office under date of May 15, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1925.

Mr. H. S. Moody, Cashier,
Manatee River Bank & Trust Company,
Bradenton, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 20 please be advised that the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Ga., has charge of the distribution of the Stone Mountain coins. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1925.

Mr. J. W. Scott,
Dean of the School of Commerce,
Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College,
Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 19, relative to securing reports of the National Monetary Commission, I would suggest that you address the Superintenden of Documents, Senate Document Room, United States Capitol, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1925.

Miss Agnes Morton,
Florida Christian Home, Room 314,
Murray Hill,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 18 please be advised that the piece you describe is not a coin of the United States, but a "token" piece, many of which were issued by private parties during the period of the Civil War.

The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not undertake to pass upon their numismatic value. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th St., New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1925.

Mr. Angelo J. Rossi,
Room 1032, Merchants Exchange Building,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

This letter will confirm the following night letter forwarded to you May 22:

"Following report received by this Bureau this day from Fine Arts Commission: Quote. The Commission of Fine Arts, at their meeting yesterday, considered the design submitted by you with your letter of May 8th, for the proposed souvenir half dollar to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the admission of the State of California into the Union. The Commission disapproved the sketch submitted. The figures of the design are not in good proportion, and the sketch would indicate that the designer has not had experience in medalic art. The symbols used would be acceptable if they were interestingly executed, but on the other hand, there might be something which would be far more interesting and with a bigger sense of what California really is. The Commission recommended that the work of making a satisfactory design and models for the California souvenir coin be placed in the hands of Mr. Robert I. Aitken, 154 West 55th Street, New York City. Mr. Aitken is a native of California and one of the eminent men in his profession in this country. The design which you submitted and a rough sketch, showing suggested changes in the design, are inclosed.

Respectfully yours
(signed) H. F. Cammerer
Secretary and Executive Officer."

This Bureau will take no further action until further instructed by you."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1925.

Mr. T. H. Deaver,
P. O. Box 863,
Memphis, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 20 please be advised that The Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurd Building, Atlanta, Georgia, has charge of the distribution of the Stone Mountain coins.

Congress did not authorize the issue of coins commemorating the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
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May 23, 1925.

Mr. S. C. Gettys, Cashier,
Bostic Bank,
Bostic, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 22 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold in the form of bullion when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. The Mint does not purchase gold in the form of ore.

Gold bullion is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 23, 1925.

Mr. W. D. Washington,
Station A,
West Nashville, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the $20.00 gold piece is the largest coin of the regular denomination struck by the Mints.

Fifty dollar gold pieces, to the amount of $150,950, were struck for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition under authority of a special act of Congress.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1925.

Miss Irene Clearwater,
c/o Phelps Dodge Corporation,
99 John Street,
New York City.

Madam:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of May 23 stating you have been advised that there is a shortage of nickels of the coinage of 1912.

During the calendar year 1912, five-cent pieces to the amount of $1,747,435.70 were coined. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and to the knowledge of this Bureau coin dealers do not hold these coins at a premium.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1925.

Mr. E. D. Hoey,
1370 Nicollet Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 23 please be advised that the so-called "Peace" dollar is not a special coin. The current design, accepted in 1921, supercedes the old design for this denomination, and cannot be chunged within twenty five years from the date of its adoption, except by act of Congress.

No coins have ever been recalled by the United States and no such action is contemplated. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

The representation of the eagle on the coins of the United States is in accordance with law.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1925.

Mr. R. O. Besse,
P. O. Box 654,
Biloxi, Mississippi.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 22 please be advised that Congress did not authorize the coinage of special half dollars to commemorate the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 23, 1925.

Mr. S. S. Furst,
Vacuum Seal Company, Inc.,
154 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 23 please be advised that the only known address of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company, is San Francisco, California.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 25, 1925.

Mr. Alvin Hildreth,
Vergas, Minnesota.

Sir:

Your card of May 7 has been referred to this Bureau for information relative to the currency of the world, and I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, in which you will find the latest data compiled by this Department covering the subject matter of your inquiry.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1925.

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Bureau of Pensions,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have received from Annie H. Martin, Assayer in Charge, United States Mint at Carson City, Nevada, a copy of a letter addressed to your department relative to the rejection of her claim for service credit as Assayer in Charge at that mint. (D-3168).

I am taking the liberty of addressing you in behalf of Miss Martin with the hope that if the case is placed before you as it appears to this Bureau you may be willing to reconsider your decision to reject her claim for service credit from July 1, 1921.

Miss Martin was appointed to the Mint in Carson in 1908 as clerk. She served continuously until June 30, 1921, when the duties of chief clerk, which she performed, were by provision of the appropriation act, combined with those of the Assayer in Charge. Miss Martin was at that time determined upon by the Department as the candidate who should be considered for the position which combined the duties of Assayer in Charge and Chief Clerk. It was not the intention or plan of the Department to drop Miss Martin from the service. I am enclosing copy of a letter dated July 1, 1921 recommending her appointment as Assayer in Charge. Her nomination was approved by the Senate July 12, 1921, and she took the oath of office as Assayer in Charge on August 5, 1921. Until the date of her oath as a Presidential appointee she continued to work in the mint at Carson carrying out the duties of Chief Clerk, and was paid by the retiring Assayer in Charge for that interim part of the money he received from the Government for that service. Hence there was not even a day's lapse in Miss Martin's actual service to the Government. The necessary delay in executing a commission, forwarding a bond and having that approved, and sending out the notification of the same, absorbed the time during which Miss Martin was all the while in the service of the mint, from July 1 to August 5, 1921.

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If Miss Martin's service credit ceases on June 30, 1921, she may claim credit for only thirteen years service and thus be deprived of the benefits of the Retirement Act, although she has actually served continuously for seventeen years to date.

The Bureau very urgently recommends that the case be reconsidered and that Miss Martin be given credit for continuous service. This would appear to be in the interest of justice and equity, and I trust you will find it possible, with these additional facts before you, to reconsider the case.

Should you desire I would be glad to have the opportunity to appear before you in person.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1925.

Mr. John C. McCormick,
3652 Jasper Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 24, please be advised that the records of this Department show that on account of lack of work you were granted 60 days leave without pay from January 1, 1922, and that at the expiration of this 60 days you made application for 30 days leave without pay, which was granted. The records further indicate that at the expiration of this 90 days leave the Superintendent granted you a furlough.

I cannot find any evidence in the records of the Department that discrimination was exercised against you for any reason and feel sure you have been misinformed in regard to the attitude of the Superintendent toward you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 25, 1925.

Collect Night Letter

Hon. O. J. Kvale,
Benson, Minnesota.

Philadelphia advises medals too light Stop Medals shipped same weight as fifty cent piece and as agreed on Stop However can make medals sixty percent heavier for fifty cents If this is satisfactory have corporation wire ~~mx~~ authority to me at Philadelphia Mint I will be there tomorrow.

R. J. Grant
Director

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May 26, 1925.

Edward Thompson Company,
Northport, Long Island,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $7.50, covering 1 copy "Federal Statutes, Annotated, 1924 Supplement", with request that same be certified in the place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be promptly passed for payment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 26, 1925.

Mr. H. C. Huber,
Penick & Ford, Ltd.,
Marrero, Louisiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 21 please be advised that this Department issues no publication covering the issue of commemorative coins. I am enclosing a list of commemorative coins recently issued, indicating opposite each the agency having charge of their distribution.

As of possible interest to you I would suggest that the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, has published a pamphlet covering commemorative issues.

Respectfully,

H. M. Robbins

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1925.

J. Goebel & Co.,
67 Cortlandt Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Please quote your price, for delivery at the Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., on two silcar muffles, inside dimensions, height 4", width 6-5/8", depth 12-1/8", each muffle to have a slot in the back 1" above the bottom, 3" long, and 1" wide, and a round hole at the top of back 1" in diameter in accordance with the enclosed sketch of back. Also 2 pounds of silcar cement.

State how soon delivery can be made after placing order.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 26, 1925.

The Brown Instrument Company,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I am sending you by express one Brown Indicating Electric Pyrometer with wire leads, one Brown Portable Electric Pyrometer with wire leads, and two of our couples with four iron bases for porcelain tubes.

Please submit your estimate to standardize and make necessary repairs on the two pyrometers and couples, and to supply four porcelain tubes for the couples.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1925.

McGraw-Hill Company, Inc.,
Tenth Avenue at 36th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $4.00, covering one year's subscription, from July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926, to "The Chemical & Metallurgical Engineering", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1925.

The Bankers Publishing Company,
71-73 Murray Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $5.00, covering one year's renewal subscription, from July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926, to "The Bankers Magazine", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 27, 1925.

Engineering and Mining Journal-Press,
Tenth Avenue and 36th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $5.00, covering one year's renewal subscription, from July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926, to "Engineering and Mining Journal-Press", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1925.

The Monetary Times,
62 Church Street,
Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $3.00, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926, to "The Monetary Times", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1925.

Edward Thompson Company,
Northport, Long Island,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $3.00, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926, to "Federal Statutes Annotated, Supplement", with request that same be certified in the place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1925.

Waterlow and Sons Limited,
26-27 Great Winchester St.,
London, England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $7.30, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926, to "The Bankers Magazine", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1925.

The Far Eastern Review,
8 Jinkee Road,
Shanghai, China.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $5.00, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926, to "The Far Eastern Review", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1925.

El Economista,
Plaza de la Independencia,
2 Madrid, Spain.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $5.79, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926, to "El Economista", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 27, 1925.

Argus South African Newspapers, Ltd.,
82-85 Fleet Street,
London, E. C. 4, England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $9.73, covering one year's renewal subscription, from July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926, to "South African Mining and Engineering Journal", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 27, 1925.

The Mining Journal,
15 George St., Mansion House,
London, England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $9.73, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926, to "The Mining Journal", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 27, 1925.

Mrs. T. C. Graves,
Box 104,
Stanardsville, Virginia.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 25 please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins, and does not pass upon the numismatic value of rare pieces.

I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City for the information you desire.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 27, 1925.

Mrs. Perry DuBois,
Wallkill, Ulster County,
New York.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 25 please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium for any issue of coins and does not pass upon the numismatic value of rare coins.

For the information you desire I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1925.

Mr. F. L. Davis, Cashier,
Fremont County Bank,
Sugar City, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 22 please be advised that the following institutions have charge of the distribution of the Lexington-Concord half dollars:

Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass.
Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Mass.

Congress did not authorize the issue of a coin commemorating the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1925.

Director of Supply,
Bureau of Supply,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of May 25, please be advised that three (3) cloth bound copies of the General Schedule of Supplies for the fiscal year 1926 will be required by this Bureau.

Eleven (11) cloth bound copies of the Schedule should be mailed to the field institutions of this Bureau, one copy to each of the following:

Superintendent,	United	States	Mint,		Philadelphia
"	"	"	"		Denver
"	"	"	"		San Francisco
"	"	"	Assay	Office,	New York City.
Assayer in Charge	"	"	"	"	Boise, Idaho
"	"	"	"	"	Seattle, Wash.
"	"	"	"	"	Deadwood, S.D.
"	"	"	"	"	Helena, Mont.
"	"	"	"	"	Salt Lake City
"	"	"	Mint,	Carson	City, Nev.
"	"	"	"	"	New Orleans, La.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 27, 1925.

Mr. C. H. Postel,

Wassaic, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 24 please be advised that the Treasury Department does not distribute special coins. I take pleasure in enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins, which indicates opposite each the agent charged with distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1925.

Mr. Carl Schrumff,

Hart, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 22 please be advised that the Lexington-Concord coins are distributed by the following institutions, to whom application should be made:

Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass.
Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Mass.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1925.

The Statist,
51, Cannon Street,
London, E.C. 4, England.

Gentlemen:

Your notice, dated May 13, 1925, of expiration of subscription to "The Statist" as of June 13, 1925, is at hand. There are being forwarded herewith two vouchers; one to cover subscription for the period June 13th to 30th, 1925, and the other to cover one full year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926. Please have inserted on each voucher the respective subscription rate; also certify to each in the space indicated opposite check mark on margin. Upon return of the vouchers they will be promptly passed for payment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1925.

Mr. C. J. Strobel, Asst. Cashier,
The Citizens Banking Company,
Sandusky, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 21 please be advised that the Treasury Department has not issued a publication covering commemorative coins. I take pleasure in enclosing a list of special coins recently issued, which indicates the agents charged with their distribution.

As of possible interest to you I would suggest that the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, has published a pamphlet on this subject.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 27, 1925.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher, in amount $2,000.00, payable from the "Special Fund-Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold." It is requested that the proceeds of the check in payment be deposited in the Treasury by C. D. to the credit of the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1925", as reimbursement on account of refining of silver bullion purchased under the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918.

Will you kindly indicate on the accompanying duplicate letter the C. D. number and date and return to this office for our information.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1925.

William B. Dana Company,
Front, Pine, and Depeyster Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $20.00, covering two one year's renewal subscriptions, from July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926, to the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be placed in line for settlement.

It will be noted that one copy is to be addressed to the Under Secretary of the Treasury, while the other copy is to be mailed to the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1925.

The Economist,
3 Arundel Street,
Strand, London, W. C. 2,
England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $29.69, covering two 1 year renewal subscriptions from July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926, to the "Economist", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark in margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

It will be noted that one copy is to be addressed to the Under Secretary of the Treasury, while the other copy is to be mailed to the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 28, 1925.

Thomas J. Dee & Company,
5 South Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of May 25th with accompanying report on Mint Service Form of gold and silver used during the calendar year 1924 in the industrial arts. This Bureau appreciates your cooperation for a considerable series of years in its efforts to arrive at reliable data covering the subject in question.

It is understood that your report on the form mentioned above includes the considerable quantity of metal which you purchased for resale purposes, making no change in same. It is very desirable that we receive reports on all this material as provided for in the printed headings on the form and that the data be furnished according to the classification insofar as practicable. If we do not receive information as to the sources of the several classes of material we will not be in position to eliminate duplication when two or more concerns report the same material. For example, Handy & Harmon report to us the quantities handled by them and if you should report your receipts from them without indicating the fact that the material came from them it is very likely that a duplication would result.

I trust it will be possible for you to continue to provide the data without a burdensome amount of extra work in accordance with the form regularly furnished by this Bureau.

Again assuring you of my appreciation of your cooperation, I am

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 28, 1925.

Chief, Division of Appointments,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In connection with the attached letter from Mr. John L. May, Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, relative to his retirement status, the following statement is submitted:

Mr. May receives, weighs, and makes payment for deposits of gold; draws checks on the Treasurer of the United States in payment for same. He keeps the required books and records, and makes out reports of operations; conducts all correspondence of the institution both with the Bureau and with the public. Part of his time is spent in the metallurgical laboratory in assaying, making chemical analysis, handling gold bullion, etc.

The greater part of Mr. May's time is spent in the administrative work of the institution. In the opinion of this Bureau his work is not of a laborious or exhausting character, hence it would appear his retirement should be at the age of 70 years.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 28, 1925.

Mr. A. C. Oberlin,
Schaefer Equipment Company,
Henry W. Oliver Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 26 please be advised application for the Norse-American Centennial medals should be made to the Norse-American Centennial Headquarters, New Nicollet Hotel, 11 Washington Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 26, 1925.

Mr. Carl A. Johnson,
Johnson Candy Company,
Moorhead, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 25 please be advised that application may be made to either of the following institutions for the Lexington-Concord half dollar:

Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Mass.
Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 28, 1925.

Mr. W. Van Ness,
Norton Company,
53 Park Place,
New York City.

Sir:

In the absence of Mr. Grunt I take pleasure in advising you that communications relative to repairs of buildings, if addressed to the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, will reach the proper official. However, the name of the Acting Supervising Architect is James A. Wetmore.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 26, 1925.

Miss Eva Barwise, Secretary,
Rochester Public Library,
Rochester, Michigan.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 26 requesting a copy of the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals, please be advised that application for this publication should be made to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. The book is sold for $1.00 a copy, plus postage. I regret that we have no copies available for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1925.

Calumet-Arizona Mining Company,
Calumet, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your report to this office on gold and silver production during the calendar year 1924 carries indication of sales of gold, 32,371 ounces and of silver, 890,065 ounces. The destination of this material is not indicated. From information now available it would appear that the material was handled by the Raritan Copper Works at Perth Amboy and possibly a part of it by the Perth Amboy plant of the American Smelting and Refining Company.

Information as to the destination of the gold and silver in question with quantities to each destination would be materially helpful in making up our estimates. Will you kindly let us have same at an early date?

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1925.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your reports on gold and silver production during the calendar year 1924, will you kindly let us have an analysis of amounts reported to have been received at your Perth Amboy plant from the Phelps-Dodge Corporation? Presumably the items include quantities received from the Douglas Reduction Works, the Morenci plant, the Old Dominion Company, and the Calumet & Arizona Company.

From the information at present available we are unable to trace the Phelps-Dodge material back to the states of production.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 29, 1925.

Mr. Rex Poe, Cashier,
The People's State Bank,
Jasonville, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 25 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you desire.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 29, 1925.

Mr. Charles Baker,
2923 E. 3rd Street,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 27 I would suggest that you write to either of the following institutions for the Lexington-Concord half dollar:

Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Mass.

Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. Kellogg

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

May 29, 1925.

Mr. L. D. Moritz, Cashier,
The Manhattan State Bank,
Manhattan, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 26 please be advised that application should be made to the Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass., or to the Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Mass., for the Lexington-Concord coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. Riley

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 1, 1925.

Collect

Angelo J. Rossi,
1032 Merchants Exchange Building,
San Francisco, California.

Account holiday intervening telegram received this morning Sending sketch air mail

Grant
Director

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 1, 1925.

Mackall Brothers,
823 H Street, N.E.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We delivered to the Treasury Department Storekeeper on May 27 one case containing 10 empty acid bottles. Will you please have your truck call for the bottles now in the custody of the Storekeeper and credit this office with the return of the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 1, 1925.

George Lewis & Company,
53 39th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May we not continue to receive your cooperation in our efforts to provide reliable statistics concerning the consumption of gold and silver in the industries of the United States? Your previous cooperation, in the furnishing of information as to sources and quantities of gold and silver handled by you, has been helpful; and I hope you can provide data covering the calendar year 1924 by return mail. Reference is made in this connection to our original request for 1924 data under date of February 27 and to our subsequent letters dated April 21 and May 6.

Anticipating receipt of the above-mentioned report at a very early date, for which please accept my thanks, I am,

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 1, 1925

American Watch Case Co., Inc.,
11 Maiden Lane,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May we not continue to receive your cooperation in our efforts to provide reliable statistics concerning the consumption of gold and silver in the industries of the United States? Your previous cooperation, in the furnishing of information as to sources and quantities of gold and silver handled by you, has been helpful; and I hope you can provide data covering the calendar year 1924 by return mail. Reference is made in this connection to our original request for 1924 data under date of February 27 and to our subsequent letters dated April 21 and May 6.

Anticipating receipt of the above-mentioned report at a very early date, for which please accept my thanks, I am,

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 1, 1925.

John Martin & Sons,
74 Clifford Street,
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

May we not continue to receive your cooperation in our efforts to provide reliable statistics concerning the consumption of gold and silver in the industries of the United States? Your previous cooperation, in the furnishing of information as to sources and quantities of gold and silver handled by you, has been helpful; and I hope you can provide data covering the calendar year 1924 by return mail. Reference is made in this connection to our original request for 1924 data under date of February 27 and to our subsequent letters dated April 21 and May 6.

Anticipating receipt of the above-mentioned report at a very early date, for which please accept my thanks, I am,

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 1, 1925.

United Metals Separation &
Refining Company,
P. O. Box 2126,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

May we receive your cooperation in our efforts to provide reliable statistics concerning the consumption of gold and silver in the industries of the United States? Your cooperation, in the furnishing of information as to sources and quantities of gold and silver handled by you, will be helpful; and I hope you can provide data covering the calendar year 1924 by return mail. Reference is made in this connection to our original request for 1924 data under date of February 27 and to our subsequent letters dated April 21 and May 6.

Anticipating receipt of the above-mentioned report at a very early date, for which please accept my thanks, I am

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 1, 1925.

The Western Union Telegraph Company,
14th and G Streets, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your bill #970, amount $1.32, covering messages transmitted for this office during the month of April, 1925. Sub-voucher #1, 96¢, covering a 35 word night message from Washington, D. C. to Denver, Colo., April 6, 1925, was charged for at the Government day rate. The charges on this message at Government night rate should have been 36¢.

Deduction of 60¢ has been made, in view of the above, and bill approved for payment in the sum of $0.72.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 2, 1925.

W. E. Morr
Balbach Metals Corporation,
280 Broadway,
New York City.

Authorizing employee of United States Assay Office NewYork to represent Government in breaking seal on sweep samples today

R. J. Grant
Director

R.J.G.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 2, 1925.

Mrs. Warren,
146 Union Street,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you desire.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 2, 1925.

Mr. Allen Claunch,

Mulberry, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 27 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you seek.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 2, 1925.

The J. S. Newell Gold Refining Company,
1425 Park Place,
Detroit, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 28, together with samples of alloyed gold which you wish assayed.

As there is no place in Washington where assays are made by the Government for the public, I have today forwarded your samples to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, with instructions to hold the same pending receipt of check from you.

Your check is returned herewith, and it is suggested that payment be made to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 2, 1925.

The First National Bank,

Williamsport, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 29 please be advised that application should be made to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Hurt Building, Atlanta, Georgia, for the Stone Mountain coins. The Treasury Department does not distribute special coins.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 3, 1925.

Mr. S. Foreman,
631 Church Street,
Norfolk, Va.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the sweeps forwarded by you for refining, and have to advise that the Government does not purchase and refine jewelry sweeps.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia purchases gold jewelry scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value, and the same is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Small deposits are not accepted.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 5, 1925.

Balbach Smelting & Refining Company,
580 Market Street,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your recent report to this office concerning production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1924, it is noted that the American Metal Company reports silver ore from Peru sent you for treatment containing approximately 2,600 ounces gold and over 264,000 ounces silver. This item is not separately shown on your report and possibly may be included with the quantity shown to have been received from Chile, viz., 2,545 ounces gold and over 401,000 ounces silver; or possibly the material may not have arrived at your plant until after the close of the calendar year 1924.

Will you kindly let me have such further information as will enable me to dispose of this apparent discrepancy?

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 5, 1925.

Mr. J. G. Webb,

Fort Valley, Georgia.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the stone forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ors at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. A visual examination of the stone would indicate that it is iron pyrites, and of no value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 3, 1925.

Mrs. Bessie Y. Getz,
741 Beaver St.,
Lancaster, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of June 2 please be advised that the Government does not pass upon the numismatic value of coins and currency. It is not believed, however, that collectors and dealers place any value on Confederate currency. The American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, may be in position to advise you in the matter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 3, 1925.

Mr. George J. Ronan,
25 Cross Street,
Salem, Mass.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 1, requesting a dime of the coinage of 1894 bearing the mint mark "S".

I am unable to advise you where you might obtain this coin as the mints do not segregate coins by years. The letter "S" indicates that the coin was struck at the United States Mint in San Francisco.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 3, 1925.

Mr. C. O. Ellefson,
R.F.D. 5, Box 18,
Duluth, Minnesota.

Sir:

Your letter of May 29 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting permission to cast a small reproduction of the Norse-American medal, has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention.

The Department is without authority to grant permission to copy the Norse-American Centennial medal.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 5, 1925.

Credito Italiano,
63 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 2 requesting a copy of the last annual Report of the Director of the Mint, please be advised that the records of this office indicate that copies of this report were forwarded to you under date of February 20, 1925, receipt of which you acknowledged March 3, 1925, and in response to your request of March 6, 1925 a copy of the Report was mailed to you on March 7. I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of this Report to be mailed to you today under separate cover.

The next annual report, covering the operations of the mints for the fiscal year 1925 will not be ready for distribution until sometime late in November.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 3, 1925.

Miss Maggie Carpenter,

St. Joseph, Missouri.

Madam:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D. assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

A visual examination of the specimen would indicate that it is iron pyrites and of no value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 5, 1925.

Mr. Quentin W. Dean,
Box 275,
Gering, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 27 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

It is not believed that coin dealers pay a premium for the Columbian half dollars, as many of these coins are in circulation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 3, 1925.

Miss E. Sheriff,
226 West 97th Street,
New York City.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 29 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you desire.

Half dollars to the amount of $2,398,500 were coined in 1832.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 4, 1925.

Publishers, The Journal of Commerce,
32 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The subscription of the Director of the Mint to The Journal of Commerce expires this month and will not be renewed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 4, 1925.

Publishers, New York Times,
Times Square,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The subscription of the Director of the Mint to the New York Times, daily only, expires this month and will not be renewed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 4, 1925.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With further reference to your recent report to this office covering production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1924, it is noted that your Omaha plant reports receipts of silver mined in Arkansas, 1608 ounces, and silver mined in Minnesota, 584 ounces. Since these states have not heretofore appeared amongst the producers of silver, further information as to the sources of these amounts would be appreciated.

It is presumed that the 285 ounces silver reported by the Omaha plant as having been mined in Missouri came from the lead mines of that state.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 5, 1925.

Dr. William Van Walzah,
722 Park Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of June 3 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred by him to this Bureau for attention.

Your letter has been placed on file, and should legislation looking to the issue of an unusual or new type of one dollar coin be considered the Department will take pleasure in referring to the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 5, 1925.

Mr. Clarence J. Owens, Director General,
World Forum of Freedom,
350 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of June 3 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been forwarded by him to this Bureau for attention.

As you are aware, Congressional action would be required to authorize the issue of memorial coins. In the absence of such legislation the Department would hardly be in position to suggest any procedure. I feel it incumbent upon me to say further that the Department's attitude toward the issue of special coins is adverse. However, should Congress authorize the issue of coins to commemorate the Battle of Yorktown this Bureau will do everything to assist you in preliminary preparations for the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 5, 1925.

Mr. Louis P. Hantel,
71 Alfaretta Avenue,
Akron, Ohio.

Sir:

At the request of Hon. Martin L. Davey I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, for the fiscal year 1924, to be forwarded to you under separate cover.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 5, 1925.

Mr. Burbage Crider,

Tonga, Kentucky.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded by you for assay, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals found in the sample.

I am also returning your postal money order, and should you forward the sample to the Deadwood Assay Office, the order should be made payable to the Assayer in Charge of that office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 5, 1925.

Mr. Leon K. Knight,
Connor-Knight Department Store,
Decorah, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 28 please be advised that Congress authorized the issue of a medal to commemorate the Norse-American Centennial, which will be in the hands of the Norse-American Centennial Headquarters, New Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for distribution. Congress did not authorize the issue of coins to commemorate this event.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 5, 1925.

Mr. E. Titus Black,

Scio, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 30 please be advised that no star was placed on any of the Maine special half dollars, and none of these coins were returned to the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 5, 1925.

Mr. Benjamin Messer,
240 East 194th Street,
Bronx, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 3 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

The Act of February 19, 1887 retired the trade dollar, which provided for its redemption at face value within a certain time, after the expiration of which the coin would be worth only its bullion value.

It is not believed that coin dealers pay a premium for the trade dollars, but for further information on the subject I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Day Letter - Collect June 6, 1925.

Hon. O. J. Kvale,
New Nicollet Hotel,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Barring accidents to machinery will ship two thousand medals per day running twentyfour hours Stop Largest medal possible to make on mint equipment three inches diameter

Grant

Director

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 6, 1925.

Mr. Ernest Handlang,
R.F.D. No. 1,
Troy, Illinois.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D. assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 6, 1925.

Chief Clerk,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the "Elimination of Waste" pamphlets forwarded by you to this Bureau.

The Mint Bureau appreciates your courtesy in submitting these publications, but it is believed they will be of no service to this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

Collect. June 6, 1925.

Angelo J. Rossi, Chairman
Citizens Committee
1032 Merchants Exchange Building,
San Francisco, California

Executive order July 26 nineteen twenty one makes mandatory approval by fine arts commission of coin designs Suggest you have Mora's design changed according to suggestion of Committee and forward to this Bureau for submission to Fine Arts Commission

Grant
Director Mint
A.J.G.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 6, 1925.

Mr. Angelo J. Rossi, Chairman,
Citizens Committee, California's Diamond Jubilee,
1032 Merchants Exchange Building,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

This letter will confirm telegram forwarded to you today, copy of which is enclosed.

It is noted that in your letter of June 1, paragraph 3, page 2, you state:

> "We have decided to have the suggested changes made and re-submit Mr. Mora's design for your approval and adoption."

Upon resubmission of Mr. Mora's design in the form of a sketch to this Bureau, I shall take pleasure in forwarding the same to the Fine Arts Commission for consideration. As advised in the telegram of today, the approval of the Fine-Arts Commission as to the artistic merits of the design is required by Executive Order. Should this resubmitted design receive the approval of the Fine Arts Commission it will be returned to you and Mr. Mora will be required to forward a plaster cast, not more than eight inches in diameter. In order that the model may be suitable for coinage purposes it should be made in low relief so that both sides of the design when placed together in the press will meet without conflict at any one point. A model that would be suitable for a medal would be unworkable as a model for a coin, and it is very important that Mr. Mora understand this clearly in preparing this plaster model.

As you are aware, the act authorizing this coinage provides that the Government shall not be put to the expense of preparing the dies. However, should Mr. Mora's plaster cast be received by this Bureau in satisfactory condition it will be possible for us to have the hub made at the Mint. For this a charge of $300.00 will be imposed, and from this hub the working dies will be made by the mint without further charge.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 8, 1925.

Mr. E. C. Ford,
C/o U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In compliance with your request contained in your letter of June 5th, the Bureau takes pleasure in forwarded Pullman transportation from Los Angeles to Denver, it being understood that this will cover a part of your return trip from the settlement at San Francisco and that no extra expense to the Government will be involved by your returning home in this way.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
O:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 8, 1925.

Mr. Charles O. Dalberg,
1164 E. 114th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Dalbert:

Package recently forwarded by you containing gold and silver scrap has been forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York. There is no place in Washington where such material is received by the Government.

For your information I would advise you that the Superintendent is not obliged to receive deposits of this kind which do not exceed $100.00 in value, but he will, however, be requested to accept this consignment and will make payment to you by check, after deducting charges usually imposed upon such material to prepare it for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 8, 1925.

Mr. J. J. Torrey,
Granville, N. Dak.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 4th, please be advised that there is no laboratory under the jurisdiction of the Director of the Mint in Washington where samples of gravel can be deposited. I would suggest that you address the Bureau of Mines, Interior Department, Washington, D. C., as to the location of available Government laboratories for this work.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

C:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 9, 1925.

Mr. H. de Forest,
Botany Department,
University of Southern California,
35th Street and University Avenue,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 1 please be advised that the coins commemorating the 75th anniversary of California statehood have not yet been manufactured, no suitable design having yet been forwarded to the Department by the Association. When these coins are ready for distribution they will be disposed of by "The California Diamond Jubilee", 1032 Merchants Exchange Building, San Francisco, California.

The Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, should be addressed in regard to the Stone Mountain Memorial coins. They are now in the hands of the Association ready for distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

C.F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 9, 1925.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher, in amount $8,696.57, payable from the "Special Fund-Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold". It is requested that the proceeds of the check in payment be deposited in the Treasury by C. D. to the credit of the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1925", as reimbursement on account of recoinage of silver bullion purchased under the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918.

Will you kindly indicate on the accompanying duplicate letter the C. D. number and date and return to this office for our information.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.
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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 9, 1925.

Mr. A. J. Kenyon,
Davenport,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 5th stating that you have a quantity of gold and silver watch cases, please be advised that these cases would be purchased by the United States Assay Office at New York, N. Y., the gold content to be paid for at the rate of $20.67 an ounce and the silver content at the market price of silver, which as you know, changes every day.

Charges will be deducted for preparing this material for coinage purposes. Payment would be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 9, 1925.

Mr. M. A. Roberts,
1615 - 6th Ave.,
Huntington, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date addressed to the Treasurer of the United States please be advised that the Stone Mountain Memorial coins can be obtained from the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia. They are not for sale by the Government or the mints to the public.

The silver dollar known as the "Peace Dollar" is that which is being coined in large numbers. The first issue of the Peace Dollar was in 1921. No silver dollars were coined in 1919.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 9, 1925.

Mr. S. F. Everett,
Box 796,
Northsydney, N. S. Canada.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 3rd, please be advised that the Government never authorized the coinage of twenty five cent or fifty cent gold pieces. The issue of these piece is illegal and has been suppressed.

The coinage mints are located at Denver, Philadelphia, and San Francisco.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1925.

The Brown Instrument Company,
D. A. Hamilton, Service Department,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 9 25.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Repair of 1-type H Indicating Pyrometer 15978, fitting same with new moving element, new pivots, new scale, making internal adjustments and recalibrating ----------	32 50
Repair of type M Portable Pyrometer #15977 replacing pivots, springs and pointer and recalibrating ----------	27 50
Repair of 2-12" Platinum-Rhodium thermo-couples type QR including new protecting tube for each--	37 50
2-type K-3 porcelain tubes with condulet for 12" QR thermocouple at $6.00 each --------	12 00
New leads: 1 - 15 ft length portable copper leads with connectors ----------	3 50
1 - 50 ft. length type E double conductor copper leads with connectors ----------	3 50
	116 50

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 10, 1925.

Mr. Fred Hill,
Wayville, R. F. D. #1,
New York.

Dear Sir:

I am returning the package containing the specimen of sand and beg to advise you that there is no place in Washington where material of this kind can be tested by the Government.

I would suggest that you address the United States Geological Survey, Interior Department, as a possible source of information in regard to this matter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 10, 1925.

Rand, McNally & Company,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of May 22 in which you state you are sending a small booklet in which there were illustrations of #13 Walnut finish Floor Stand Globe, will you have the kindness of forwarding a duplicate of the booklet, the original which accompanied your letter having been mislaid.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

C:f

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 10, 1925.

Weber, Costello Company,
Chicago Heights, Ill.

Gentlemen:

On May 14th this Bureau requested you to bid on one Terrestrial Globe. No reply having been received from you it is thought possible that your letter has been mislaid. Will you kindly advise us if it would be practicable for you to bid on this instrument?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

C:f

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June 10, 1925.

Mr. Walter V. Spooner,
Estate of Richard Webber,
51 East 42nd Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 8th please be advised that it is customary for associations bringing about legislation for special coins to sell them at a premium for the purpose of creating a fund to cover the expenses of the celebration which they represent.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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June 10, 1925.

Mr. Jacob W. Ehrlich,
3002 Burnet Avenue,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 6th please be advised that the Lincoln one cent piece with the initials of the designer, Mr. Victor D. Brenner, are not rare, twenty three million having been placed in circulation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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June 10, 1925.

Mrs. Grace Youngster,
24 Scrivens Street,
Paterson, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government never issued a coin bearing the name you mention.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

C:f

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June 11, 1925.

Mr. Elmer E. Lewis,
257 East Squarturn Street,
Atlantic, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 7th addressed to the U. S. Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The letter has been read with interest and your suggestions are very much appreciated.

As you are aware, the Department does not distribute money directly to the various business houses, but to the banks for distribution through them. The Federal Reserve Bank in Boston has a supply of silver dollars available for distribution if desired.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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June 11, 1925.

Mr. W. E. Hyndman,
P. O. Box 1224,
Minot, N. D.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 6th, please be advised that the coins commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Bennington and the Independence of Vermont, the 75th anniversary of the admission of California into the Union, and the 100th anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver, have not yet been manufactured. The respective societies having the issue of these coins in charge have not yet submitted to the Department the required medals for the designs.

Respectfully,

H. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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June 11, 1925.

Miss Juanita Ellis Lundy,
Lock Box 105,
Independence, Virginia.

Dear Miss Lundy:

Replying to your letter of June 8th please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coin and does not pass on the numismatic value of coin. For information relative to the pieces you describe I suggest that you address the American Numismatic Association, 156th Street and Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

C:f

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June 11, 1925.

Anaconda Copper Mining Company,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your recent report to this office concerning production of gold and silver in the United States during 1924, it is noted that the Raritan Copper Works report carries indication of receipts from the Calumet and Arizona Mining Company of gold, 15,585 ounces, and of silver, 369,082 ounces. The report of the Calumet and Arizona Mining Company to this office gives shipments to you of approximately 5,000 ounces gold and 163,000 ounces silver. Any information you can let us have concerning these apparent discrepancies will be much appreciated.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F:f

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 12, 1925.

Honorable C. J. Kvale,
Nicollet Hotel,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Impracticable to strike medal thinner or less than standard fineness. Dies for three inch medal would cost three hundred sixty dollars. Medals three dollars each. Operations of mint now suspended during annual settlement required by law. Could not undertake manufacture bronze medals for several weeks.

Grant
Director of Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses, Bureau of the Mint, 1925
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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June 12, 1925.

Honorable N. J. Sinnott,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 11, please be advised that the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia" is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at one dollar a copy. The book is a volume of about 600 pages and we have not been giving any copies of this publication for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

O:f

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June 12, 1925.

Mr. G. E. Mans,
Judith Gap,
Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your card of June 8th I regret to advise you that we have not a supply of the Reports of the Director of the Mint which can be forwarded to you gratuitously. I would suggest that you address the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. as a source of possible supply for these reports. They are sold at sixty five cents a copy.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

O.f

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June 12, 1925.

Mr. E. A. Sherman,
Acting Forester,
Forest Service,
U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Dear Mr. Sherman:

Upon my return to my office your letter of the 11th instant relative to the assaying of ore specimens taken from lands within the National Forests of California has been called to my attention.

I hope to be at the mint at San Francisco within a comparatively short time and will take up with the Superintendent of that institution the feasibility of making these assays at the mint, and I will take pleasure in advising you what can be done to assist you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1925.

Mr. George Hauck,
410 East 15th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 9th please be advised that the coins commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Bennington and Independence of Vermont, the 75th anniversary of the admission of California into the Union, and the 100th anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver will not be distributed for some time to come, as the designs for same have not yet been submitted to the Department by the respective associations having the celebrations in charge.

The coin commemorating the Battle of Lexington and Concord can be obtained by addressing the Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Mass., or the Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

O:f

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June 12, 1925.

Mr. Grosvenor M. Jones,
Chief, Finance and Investment Division,
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with telephonic request and with letter of Mr. Charles E. Lyons, American Trade Commissioner, copy of which you kindly mailed us, we take pleasure in providing for the Royal Mint, London, the following information concerning charges imposed on bullion deposited in the United States mints and assay offices, and in quoting the official wording of the law providing for the free coinage of gold.

Section 2 of the Act of January 14, 1875, reads as follows:

> "That so much of section three thousand five hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States as provides for a charge of one-fifth of one per centum for converting standard gold bullion into coin is hereby repealed, and hereafter no charge shall be made for that service."

While there are no charges, as such, for the manufacture of any denomination of domestic coin of the United States, the law contemplates that gold bullion received at the mints shall be in condition for coinage; or, when it is not in such condition, that the vendor pay such charges as will reimburse the mint for placing the bullion in condition for coinage. From a practical standpoint most of the gold bullion received is not in condition for coinage; therefore charges are usually imposed when it contains either silver or base metals. I am inclosing two copies of schedule of charges (amending the schedule previously in effect) which will become effective July 1, 1925.

Any depositor of gold bullion is entitled to receive payment therefor either in gold coin or in gold bars, at his option; but if he is unwilling to accept such bars as the mints regularly provide for that purpose, and demands bars of particular size or of unusally high fineness, bar charges are imposed. Most vendors of bullion accept checks in payment.

It may be well to state, in this connection, that electrolytic refineries are operated at three of the mint service institutions of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. W. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 12, 1925.

Mr. Ike Brooks,
595 Burr Oak Place,
Blue Island, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith $5.00 note contained in your letter of June 10th with request that memorial coins be sent to you.

The Treasury Department does not distribute such coins. It is presumed that you refer to the Stone Mountain Memorial coin and you are advised that if you will address the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, you can obtain this coin.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 12, 1925.

Hon. Tasker L. Oddie,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Oddie:

In conformity with your request of May 14th I am returning the tabulation inclosed therewith, having inserted thereon the weight, fineness, and face value of the silver coins in question.

Information concerning the silver coins of other countries is not available at this time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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W.F

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June 12, 1925.

Mr. W. D. Steckhous,
Mannsville, Okla.

Dear Sir:

For your information I would advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of such material as you forwarded to this Bureau are made by the Government for the public.

However, a visual examination of the specimen sent by you indicates that it contains no precious metals.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
for R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Sample returned herewith

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June 12, 1925.

J. Goebel & Company,
87 Cortlandt Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of June 10th in which you state that you are inclosing form #939 duly filled in acknowledging our order for two SILCAR Muffles, please be advised that the voucher was not inclosed in your letter.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

For R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

O:f

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June 13, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

With reference to Certificate of Settlement #C-24727-T dated April 18, 1925, of the account of Annie H. Martin, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, Symbol #15094, for the period October - December, 1924, please be advised that the amount suspended, sixty one cents, has been deposited in the Treasury, to the credit of the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Carson City, 1925", by Certificate of Deposit #40904, dated June 1, 1925.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F:f

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June 13, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter C-FWN-7 of June 10th making reference to your letter dated April 21st relative to the account of M. J. Kelly, Superintendent, U. S. Mint at San Francisco, please be advised that letters received from mint service disbursing officers relative to suspensions made by your office have regularly been forwarded to your office since receipt of your letter of April 21st. The regulations for conduct of business of mints and assay offices provide that correspondence of mint field institutions with other Government offices shall be forwarded through this office.

Respectfully,

W. M. Ofrell

Acting Director of the Mint.

F:f

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June 13, 1925.

Mr. Charles B. Riley,
3544 N. Water Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 12th please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coin and does not issue a list of coins and prices supposed to be paid by coin dealers. For a possible source of information relative to the piece you describe I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Association, 156th Street and Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Respectfully,

J. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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June 13, 1925.

Mr. Martin Kerrigan,
Mahanoy Place, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 12th please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coin and does not issue a list of coins and prices supposed to be paid by coin dealers. For information relative to the piece you describe I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Association, 156th Street and Broadway, New York, N. Y. as a possible source of information.

Respectfully,

H. M. Rolfs

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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June 13, 1925.

Grand Rapids National Bank,
Grand Rapids,
Michigan.

Gentlemen:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of June 10 stating that you were forwarding under separate cover a piece of metal deposited by one of your customers. The metal has been delivered to this Bureau by the Express Company. As there is no place in Washington where such material is received by the Government the package has been forwarded unopened to the United States Assay Office at New York, together with your letter. The Superintendent of that institution has been requested to advise you upon receipt of the same as to the apparent value and will be requested to await your instructions as to disposal of the metal.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O:f

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June 15, 1925.

Mr. E. Titus Block,
Scio, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 13th, please be advised that only one type of coin was issued for the Missouri Centennial.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

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June 15, 1925.

Mr. A. Levine,
19 Avon Place,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your postal card of June 12th, please be advised that the mints do not manufacture paper money. Paper money is made at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

C:f

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June 15, 1925.

Chontales Mines, Limited,
Purchasing Office,
Room 1704,
24 Stone Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 10th relative to shipment from Nicaragua, Central America, now being sent to San Francisco and handled by the American Smelting & Refining Company, I have had a computation made in this office illustrating the charges which the mint would be required to impose upon deposit described in your letter.

Lot Number 1695

After Melting Weight, Ounces	Fineness Gold	Fineness Silver	Fineness Base
7,969.60	103½	644	252½

Mint Charges

Melting	$8.00
Parting and Refining at 3 1/32¢ per ounce	273.94
Alloying at 1 1/32¢ per ounce	1.24
	288.18
Gold - 824.853 ounces at $20.67	$17,051.22
Silver - 5,132.30 ounces at 67¢	3,438.64
Mint valuation	20,489.86
Less Mint charges	288.18
Net Mint return	20,200.68
American Smelting & Refining Company value, less charges	20,360.89

The charges at the mint are on a sliding scale and should a deposit reach a fineness of 751 or over, the parting and refining charge would be 2 1/32¢ per ounce instead of 3 1/32¢ per ounce.

I have also to call your attention to the rate which the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco would be allowed to pay for silver. The American Smelting & Refining Company is allowed to pay 67 5/8¢ per ounce; the mint could allow you

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Chontales Mines, Limited,
New York, N. Y. (Continued)

only 67¢ per ounce. The practice in the Mint Service is to pay for silver contained in gold deposits, the market price less the fraction.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 15, 1925.

Holyoke Water Power Company,
Holyoke, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 10th please be advised that the weight of the gold dollar and the weight of the silver dollar were the same in January 1849 as coins being manufactured at the present time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

O:f

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June 15, 1925.

Mr. William R. Wicks,
1621 South Virginia Street,
Hopkinsville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 12th please be advised that the Government no longer prepares proof coins.

The Government does not segregate coins by years and I am not able to advise you where you can obtain the coins you enumerate in your letter. As a source of possible information I would suggest the American Numismatic Society, 156th Street and Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

O:f

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June 15, 1925.

Comptroller,
Central Railroad Company of New Jersey,
Jersey City, N. J.

Sir:

In reply to your file M-CVO-41010/25, Treasury Department, of June 13th, please be advised that the voucher in question bearing the above-mentioned number, in amount $3.12, was settled by the General Accounting Office under date of May 26, 1925, settlement #78213.

In you have not received payment on this settlement further inquiry should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 15, 1925.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of May, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Domestic unrefined silver . . .	56,715.48	fine ounces
Foreign " " . . .	98,288.44	" "
Foreign silver coin	94.86	" "

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 15, 1925.

Survey Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of May, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Unrefined domestic gold . . . . . 70,437.969 fine ozs.
Unrefined domestic silver . . . . 66,713.48 " "

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 15, 1925.

Miss Leona Griese,
c/o Louis Kamper, Archt.,
5729 Cass Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Miss Griese:

In reply to your inquiry of June 12th, you are advised that all gold certificates issued by the Government have either gold coin or gold bullion in the Treasury back of them.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1925.

Mr. Lorenzo N. Lawrence,
2556 Clarkson Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the documents recently forwarded by you relative to appointment in the Government service. This Bureau does not initiate appointments in any of the institutions of the Mint Service, but acts upon the recommendation of the officer in charge. Any appointment in the Mint at Denver would have to come to this office through the Superintendent of that institution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1925.

Goldsmith Brothers,
Hayworth Building,
5844 South Throop Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find a copy of report received in this office January 19, 1925, covering your gold and silver production data of the calendar year 1924. Since this report was not received until January 19, it is presumed that it covers your entire 1924 operations instead of a preliminary estimate.

With return of the inclosure will you kindly have "Section 4 - Review" completed as to disposition of the gold and silver, etc. Presumably most of the gold and silver not deposited at the mints and assay offices was sold for use in the arts and industries, but in the interest of accuracy we would like to have your figures for such items.

In this connection may I invite attention to what appears to be a material discrepancy between the stock on hand January 1, 1924, as carried on the report for 1924, and the stock on hand December 31, 1923, as reported on the 1923 report. The 1924 report carries gold, 9563.640 ounces, while the 1923 report carries 5,662.85 ounces. The 1924 report carries silver, 120,555.480 ounces, while the 1923 report carries silver, 96,944 ounces.

Your early attention to this will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1925.

Mr. A. Kamil,
504 Dauphin Street,
Mobile, Alabama.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 13, please be advised that the Mints and Assay Offices of the Government receive gold and silver scrap when the value of such deposits equals or exceeds $100.00. After the deposit is melted and assayed to determine the exact value of the gold and silver content, the gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce and the silver at the market price. The price of silver changes every day. It is now about 68 cents per fine ounce. Charges are deducted for the work of fitting the deposit for coinage purposes. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

The Mint at New Orleans is the nearest government institution to you where such material would be received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1925.

Mrs. B. Harpster,
Dawson, Nebraska.

Madam:

In response to your note of June 13th I am forwarding a circular which gives you general information in regard to all coinage. In reply to your inquiry as to why gold and silver coins have a milled edge it is presumed that you refer to the mitred edge on the coins which is placed there to protect them from being filed for the purpose of fraudulently reducing them in weight.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 17, 1925.

The Louisville National Bank,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the metal inclosed in your letter of June 15th. I have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the Government. The mints and assay offices do not purchase bullion in quantities which do not approximate or exceed in value $100.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1925.

Mr. Elmer Babcock,
Firtholiffs,
Orange County, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, together with package containing specimens, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The package is returned and I have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where such material can be tested by the Government. The United States Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota, will assay the ore for you and report as to its contents. Assays for gold and silver will be made at $1.00, and for other metals one dollar each. After July 1st, however, these charges will be increased.

Respectfully.

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1925.

Mr. Marx Reimers,
Odds and Ends Shop
377 W. 7th Street,
St. Paul, Minn.

Sir:

Replying your letter of June 14, I would suggest that you address the Norse-American Centennial, New Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for information relative to the Norse-American Medals.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1925.

Mr. Zaidee Brown,
The H. W. Wilson Company,
958-972 University Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 15th instant please be advised that the "Catalogue of Coins Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection" is a volume of 600 pages. It is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office at $1.00 per copy. There are no copies for gratuitous distribution.

The pamphlet entitled "Information Relating to United States Coins and Medals" may be obtained from the above named officer. I am not advised as to the price charged.

A copy of this pamphlet is enclosed for your use.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1925.

Mr. Ira Phillips,
Talpa, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the commemorative coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department. They are delivered to the agent of the Assocoation having the coinage of special pieces in charge.

The only commemorative coins now available are the Stone Mountain coin which may be obtained by addressing the Stone Mountain Commemorative Memorial Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and the Lexington Concord Coin which may be obtained by addressing the Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Massachusetts, or the Concord National Bank, Concord, Massachusetts.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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June 18, 1924.

Dr. E. F. Briggs,
Bangor, Maine.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 16, please be advised that the Government purchases dental scrap in quantities having a value of $100 and over, and pays for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States after deducting charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Payment is made for gold at the rate of $20.67 per ounce fine, and for silver at the market price of silver on the day the deposit is made. Silver is now approximately 68 cents per fine ounce.

No allowance is made by the Government for platinum contained in a deposit. The Government does not purchase platinum.

The U. S. Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York, is the institution nearest you where such deposits are received.

Respectfully,

H. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1925.

Mr. Guy Lacefield,
1822 Conservation Street,
New Albany, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 13, you are advised that the following denominations of gold are made at the United States Mints:-

The double eagle, the eagle, the half-eagle and the quarter-eagle.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 19125.

Mr. H. M. Tacha,
Box 604,
Mountain Home, Idaho.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 13th you are advised that the Government does not buy Palladium. I would suggest that you communicate with one of the smelting companies in your State.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1925.

Mr. Lester E. Tinkle,
315 East Bradford Street,
Marion, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 15th, you are advised that the coin described by you is probably one of the regular issue of the silver dollars now being made at the mints. There is no premium upon the pieces, and nothing unusual about the piece you appear to have.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1925.

Mrs. Jos. Finch,
Route 9,
Montevideo, Minn.

Madam:

Referring to your letter of June 14, relative to your desire to obtain a coin like one presented to the President, I am without information as to the coin to which you refer. It may be you have in mind the medal recently issued for the Norse-American Centennial. If so, application should be made to the Norse-American Centennial, New Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn. The Treasury does not issue special coins and medals to individuals.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1925.

Mr. A. C. Roessler,
140 South Parkway,
East Orange, N. J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant please be advised that the coins authorized for the commemoration celebrations at Vancouver, California, and Bennington, Vt., have not yet been prepared, no designs having yet been presented to the Department by the respective organizations having the celebrations in charge.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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June 19, 1925.

Mr. W. Ward,
Cor. Market & Second Streets,
Parkersburg, W. Va.

Sir:

In response to the request of Honorable Harry C. Woodyard, M. P., I am forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924, on page 90 of which you will find a table of the coinage from the organization of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

For information relative to paper money another department of the Treasury will advise you.

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June 20, 1925.

Mr. W. H. Borin,
P. O. Box 758,
Richmond, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter received today please be advised that the price quoted for silver is for that which is 1000 fine. Articles made of silver are usually 925/1000 fine, at best, and necessarily there is added to the silver some base metal to harden it.

The value of your cup could only be determined by melting it and assaying the silver.

The only silver now being purchased by the Mints is that contained in gold deposits. The Mints do not buy silver in small quantities, outside of that which is a part of a gold deposit.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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June 20, 1925.

Mrs. H. B. Thompson,
Box 106,
Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of the 18th instant please be advised that Confederate money had no value except that of a curio.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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June 20, 1925.

Mr. Angelo Rossi,
Chairman Citizens' Committee,
California's Diamond Jubilee,
1032 Merchants' Exchange Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of June 17, 1925, enclosing a revised design for the souvenir half dollar authorized by Congress to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the admission of the State of California into the Union.

Your letter, together with the sketch, has this day been delivered to the Fine Arts Commission, and I shall take pleasure in promptly advising you of the decision of the Commission.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 22, 1925.

Hon. O. J. Kvale,
Benson, Minnesota.

Yours eighteenth received. Will be in Philadelphia Mint tomorrow and go into details with metallurgist writing you fully from there tomorrow night.

R. J. GRANT
Director.

R.J.G.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1925.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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June 23, 1925.

Mr. Joseph M. Thomas,
203 S. 10th Street,
Chesterton, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 11th relative to a medal you describe I regret to advise you that we can not identify this medal as having been made at a mint.

I would suggest as a source of possible information as to the value numismatists might place upon this medal you address the American Numismatic Society, 156th Street and Broadway, New York City.

The pencil rubbing inclosed in your letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.

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June 23, 1925.

Mr. A. E. McClure,
Sales Manager,
The Berger Manufacturing Co.,
Roanoke, Va.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 19th you are advised the following alloys are contained in the coins of the United States:

One cent pieces: 95% copper, 5% tin and zink.
Five cent pieces: 75% copper, 25% nickel.
Gold coins: 900 parts gold, 100 parts copper.
Silver coins: 900 parts silver, 100 parts copper.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 23, 1925.

The Graham Glass Company,
Evansville, Indiana.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 19th relative to the Indian head design on the 5¢ piece you are informed that the sculptor James E. Fraser, 3 MacDougal Alley, New York City, designed this model. Mr. Fraser will no doubt gladly advise you in regard to this matter.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 23, 1925.

Honorable Clarence Mac Gregor,
U. S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Mac Gregor:

I have your letter of June 20th stating that a constituent of yours desires to purchase some of the 5¢ pieces of the issue of 1913.

The mints do not segregate coins by years and I am unable to advise you where you can obtain specimens of these coins.

May I volunteer the information that $3,682,961.95 in 5¢ pieces were manufactured during the calendar year 1913. An erroneous impression appears to have been created in the minds of a number of people that the nickel of this year's date has some special premium or value to numismatists. No unusual pieces were issued and there is nothing peculiar about the coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 23, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of June 20th, you are advised that TIMOTHY DOYLE, an employee of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, is now bonded under another company. Date of approval of this bond is May 21, 1925.

Respectfully,

M. O. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 23, 1925.

United States Guarantee Company,
3 South William Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of June 20th you are advised that THOMAS F. BURKE, an employee of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, is now bonded under another company. Date of approval of this bond is April 29, 1925.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 23, 1925.

Mr. M. M. Mandl,
Department of Biology,
Evander Childs High School,
184th St. and Creston Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 21st please be advised that Congress authorized a commemorative medal for the Norse American Centennial. This medal is now being sold by the Norse American Centennial Association, whose headquarters are: Hotel Nicollet, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Respectfully,

W. W. Atwood

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department

"Contingent Expenses, Office Director of the Mint" 1925

June 24 25

Woodward & Lothrop

Washington, D. C.

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Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Room 182.

Terrestrial Globe -

Weber Costello Co. Catalogue Globe No. 18,

18 inch 1 $56.00

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N. M. Rile

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1925.

Mr. W. M. Sullivan,
Glenmore, Ky.

Dear Sir:

I am returning the sample of ore forwarded by you and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where tests of ore are made by the Government for the public.

A visual examination of this specimen indicates that it iron ore and has none of the precious metals present.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 24, 1925.

Mr. I. Earle Karickloff,
C/o West Virginia Wesleyan College,
Buckhannon, West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 20th please be advised that the Act of April 23, 1918, authorized the coinage of silver dollars. Under this Act 252,174,475 silver dollarshave been coined to the close of business May 31, 1925; under this Act 18,058,249 silver dollars remain to be coined.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 25, 1925.

Mr. T. G. Patrick,
White Oak, S. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with request of Senator Ellison D. Smith, this Bureau takes pleasure in forwarding to you a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1925.

Mr. R. L. Ryberg,
Mankato, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 21st, I regret to advise you I am unable to state where you might obtain specimens of the Lewis and Clark Exposition gold dollars which were struck in 1904 and 1905. It is probable that these coins could be obtained only from coin dealers.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1925.

Mr. Joseph E. Steckler,
87 Nassau Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 23rd, please be advised that the coins authorized by Congress to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the admission of the State of California into the Union will be for sale by the California Diamond Jubilee, 1037 Merchants Exchange Building, San Francisco, Calif. It is expected that the designs for these coins will be approved within a very short time and coinage will be started at the mint in San Francisco as soon as suitable modals are delivered to the mint by the Association having the distribution of the coins in charge.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1925.

Mrs. Carl Wickline,
Macomb, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your card of June 18th I am inclosing a mimeographed circular to give you information relative to coins and paper money. The amount of coinage executed depends upon the demands for money received by the Treasury Department through the banks of the country.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

June 25, 1925.

Mr. Walter W. Zopp,
Merchants National Bank,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 20th please be advised that the Bill authorizing the issue of memmorial coins to commemorate the carving of Stone Mountain authorized the issue of not to exceed 5,000,000 pieces, or $250,000. To date 1,200,000 of these pieces have been issued. The Department has no way of knowing the number of pieces the Association will call for during the coming year.

Respectfully,

M. W. Ridle

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1925.

Honorable Ellison D. Smith,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Smith:

This Bureau has taken pleasure in forwarding to Mr. T. G. Patrick, White Oak, S. C., a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint. Mr. Patrick has been advised that the report is being sent at your request.

Respectfully,

Thos. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1925.

Mr. J. G. Holmes,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 22nd addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office for attention. The Act authorizing the issue of coins to commemorate the carving of Stone Mountain was approved by Congress March 17, 1924. I regret that we have not an extra copy of this Act to send you. It is probable that you might obtain a copy of the Act by addressing the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

H. M. Rolly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1925.

General Frank E. McIntyre,
Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear General McIntyre:

This Bureau has for acknowledgement your letter of June 24th requesting preparation of the following coinage dies for the mint at Manila, Philippine Islands: four 5 centavo dies and twenty two 1 centavo dies, dated 1925. The order has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia with the request that the dies be immediately prepared and forwarded.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1925.

Miss Maggie Carpenter,
Inza Station,
St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of June 22 addressed to the Treasurer of the United Stated and referred to this Bureau, please be advised that your previous letter was answered by this Bureau on June 3rd. The letter of June 3rd, together with the package containing your specimen was returned to this Bureau by the Post Office Department from the St. Joseph station, it being the only address given in your previous letter.

From the envelope of your letter of June 23, which has reached the Department, the post mark indicates that the address is "St. Joseph, Missouri, Inza Station", and we are now returning the package and hope it will reach you safely.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1925.

Joseph B. Ringland, M. D.,
Oswego, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 23rd, please be advised that the United States Treasury does not distribute the "Stone Mountain" coins to the general public. The half dollars may be obtained from the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1925.

Credito Italiano,
Representative Office in New York,
63 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of June 24th relative to certain statistics desired by your correspondent in Italy covering the production of gold. A copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint was forwarded to you and I would respectfully refer you to page 224 for statistics covering the world production, and to page 36 for statistics covering United States production for a series of year. It is possible that the copy of the Report forwarded to you on February 20th has been transmitted by you to Italy. I therefore take pleasure in forwarding to your New York address another copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1925.

Honorable Florian Lampert,
U. S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgement your circular letter of June 25 quoting a letter from Mr. E. W. Ihrig, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Please be advised that the mints of the United States are usually supplied with machinery equipment through the large machine shops attached to the United States mint at Philadelphia. The mints are seldom in the market for miscellaneous machinery.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1925.

Rev. E. Randall Horton,
306 E. Fourth Street,
Blue Earth, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 24th, please be advised that the Stone Mountain coins to commemorate the carving of Stone Mountain may be obtained by addressing the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1925.

Mr. H. F. MacGrath,
302 West Genesee St.,
Syracuse, New York.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 24th addressed to the United States mint has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention.

Your reference to a process you are about to patent for disinfecting money has been observed. It will impossible for this Bureau to give you an opinion of your method as the method has not been described. However, I deem it expedient to advise you that the Department is very strongly opposed to the use of any process to be applied to either paper money or coins of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1925.

Mr. Edmund A. Wiesman,
127 South 2nd Street,
Olean, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 24th please be advised that 7,160,000 one-cent pieces were issued by the Mints during the calendar year 1922. I regret that I am unable to tell you where specimens of this issue might be obtained.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1925.

Mr. H. S. Koenig,
1032 North Avenue,
Elizabeth, N. J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 24th relative to one cent pieces of the issue of 1922, please be advised that 7,160,000 of these pieces were coined. I am unable to tell you where you might obtain specimens. All of the pieces went into general circulation.

Respectfully,

A M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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COLLECT

Angelo J. Rossi,
Chairman, Citizens Committee,
California Diamond Jubille,
1032 Merchants Exchange Building,
San Francisco, California.

June 27, 1925.

Replying to your telegram twenty sixth necessary to have Mr. Mora make plaster model seven inches diameter and one inch margin outside of design low relief in such shape that no point of surface will be higher than rim stop This necessary to permit coins to stack stop If you desire I will have Philadelphia mint make master die from Mora plaster model cost of the work three hundred dollars mint will then make working dies from this hub without further cost stop If this not clear see Mr. Hawkens at San Francisco mint.

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 27, 1925.

Rev. E. Randall Horton, Pastor,
306 E. Fourth Street,
Blue Earth, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 24th please be advised that the new half dollars commemorating the carving of Stone Mountain may be obtained by addressing the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

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June 29, 1925.

Mr. J. Anderson Fitzgerald,
Professor of Economics,
The Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Responding to your request of June 25th I am taking pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for 1924, and a copy of the coinage laws of the United States. I have also placed your name on the mailing list for a copy of our forthcoming Report which is to be published some time in November.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 29, 1925.

Mr. Andrew S. Olson,
446 Lewis Street,
Moscow, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 20th please be advised that no half dollars authorized by Congress bears the portrait of President Harding. There is, however, a bronze medal with the portrait of President Harding for sale at the Mint at Philadelphia. The medal is about 2½ inch in diameter, is made of bronze, and is sold at $1.00. It may be that this medal will be of interest to you. They can only be obtained by addressing the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., and forwarding the price of the medal plus about 15¢ postage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 29, 1925.

Mr. Leon Rudberg,
2016 Elm Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 24th together with the gold forwarded by express has been received by this office. As there is no place in Washington where the Government handles such deposits the gold has been sent to the U. S. Assay Office, New York City. The Superintendent of that institution will make payment for same by check on the Treasurer of the United States, less charges for preparing metal for coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 29, 1925.

Mr. E. G. McCall,
6 Bromley Road,
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith specimens forwarded by you. There is no place in Washington where assays are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that assays of ores are made for the public at the U. S. Assay Office, Deadwood, S. Dakota. For your information I am inclosing a circular letter covering charges in effect from July 1, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 29, 1925.

Mr. A. B. Linder,
Corydon, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 23rd please be advised that there is no place in Washington where the Government makes assays for the public. A visual examination of the specimen indicates that it has no commercial value. The specimen is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 29, 1925.

Mrs. Mary Place,
2966 First Ave.,
Columbus, Ga.

Dear Madam:

I am returning herewith the ten cent piece inclosed in your letter of June 26th and have to advise that the Government does not issue coin books.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 29, 1925.

Mr. B. B. Yager,
Goodlettsville,
Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of June 25th relative to an investigation and analysis you wish to have made in regard to possible presence of oil on your land.

There is no mineral assay department in Washington connected with the Government. I would suggest that you address a letter to the U. S. Land Office, Interior Department, as a source of possible information.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 29, 1925.

Mr. J. N. Delano,
Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of June 16th, please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any coins and is not advised as to what coin dealers pay.

As a source of possible information to you in regard to the value collectors might place on the piece you describe I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, 156 Street and Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 30, 1925.

Mr. Burns Pollock,
431 Twelfth Street,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 27th you are advised that the mint at Denver, Colorado, will receive the deposit described by you if it approximates or exceeds $100.00 in value. The mints are not required to accept deposits of less value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 30, 1925.

Miss Helen Gibson,
C/o Customs Department,
Regina, Saskatchewan,
Canada.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the coin inclosed in your letter of June 24th. Please be advised that only citizens of the United States are admitted to examination for civil service. All positions in the Mint Service are subject to the civil service examination.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 30, 1925.

Mr. S. Bruner,
154 West 14th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 27th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office for attention.

The United States Assay Office at New York, N. Y., and the mints of the United States are authorized to purchase gold and silver under certain limitations and restrictions. The mints and assay offices do not purchase platinum and no allowance can be made for platinum or any other metals than gold and silver contained in deposits.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 30, 1925.

Messrs. Jameson & Peacock,
509 Alworth Building,
Duluth, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

You are probably aware that this office annually makes estimate of the gold and silver production of the various states of this country. The information for making such estimates is received from producers who have long cooperated with this office for this purpose. A copy of the preliminary estimate for 1924 is inclosed for your information.

We are now in the course of preparing a final estimate for 1924 and find that the Omaha plant of the American Smelting and Refining Company reports receipts of silver mined in Minnesota to a quantity of over 500 ounces. Since Minnesota has not heretofore appeared amongst the states producing silver, inquiry was made of the American Smelting and Refining Company for further information and they advise that the silver was contained in ore received from you. I am therefore asking that you kindly advise me at an early date where the material containing this silver was mined. The information will be treated as confidential and will be used only in the preparation of state totals as per the inclosed copy of pre-

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liminary estimate for 1924.

Thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

R:f

June 30, 1925.

Mr. Cal Kerr,
435 South First Street,
Medford, Ore.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your card of June 25th I regret to advise you that this Bureau is without any information in regard to the sample box of high grade ores and booklet explaining acid tests.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 30, 1925.

Mr. Lot A. Roe,
West New Brighton,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that you may obtain silver dollars upon application to any bank in New York City. This would save you the cost of transportation. Should the dollars be sent through the Treasurer of the United States, the officer charged with the distribution of the coins, you would have to pay the transportation charges.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Day Letter collect.

July 1, 1925.

Mr. G. A. Watts,
Secretary Fort Vancouver Centennial,
Fifth and Main Streets,
Vancouver, Washington.

New model by Mrs. Laura C. Fraser for fifty cent piece approved by Commission of Fine Arts and ready to be submitted to Secretary Treasury for final approval. All essentials in rejected coin model incorporated in new design. Have we your consent to request approval of Secretary on models as submitted by Mrs. Fraser. Please hasten reply.

Mary M. O'Reilly
Acting Director Mint

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July 2, 1925.

Valentine & Company,
456 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am inclosing herewith a voucher mailed to this Department in error. The varnish for which the voucher is rendered should have been sent to the U. S. Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York, N. Y. The express company offered the consignment to this Bureau yesterday but it was not received. No doubt you have already heard from the express company.

I have also to respectfully call your attention to the stamped legend at head of voucher which indicated the proper destiny of the consignment.

Very truly yours,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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July 2, 1925.

Mr. F. L. Schray,
Assistant Cashier,
The City National Bank,
Lansing, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 29th, please be advised that the Lexington-Concord coins can be obtained by addressing the Lexington Trust Company, Lexington, Mass., or the Concord National Bank, Concord, Mass. No coins were issued in connection with the Bunker Hill celebration.

Respectfully,

Mint O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 2, 1925.

Miss Mary Hayes,
Librarian,
National City Financial Library,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 30th, requesting a copy of the proceedings of the Assay Commission, 1925. The letter has been addressed to the "Assay Commission" and it seems appropriate to advise you that the Assay Commission as a body exists only three days in the year. The report of the Proceedings of the Assay Commission is mailed each year by the Director of the Mint and we will take pleasure in forwarding a copy to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 2, 1925.

The Crosby Company,
Mr. Edward S. Gram, Treasurer,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of June 23rd inclosing your catalogue, please be advised that I have taken pleasure in forwarding this catalogue to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

D. M. Roth

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 3, 1925.

Mr. Joseph Klicka,
The Adams State Bank,
3951 West 26th Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of a letter of the Superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia addressed to you under date of June 8th, to which you have added a note to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a returned check.

Please be advised that the Superintendents of the mints are not required to accept personal checks in exchange for Government property. I regret we can not be more obliging in this case but it is a matter of regulation which we are bound to respect.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 3, 1925.

Mr. James T. Royle,
President Royle & Pilkington Company,
Mount Holly, N. J.

Dear Mr. Royle:

In reference to your letter of July 1st asking for statistics covering the stock of gold, I have taken pleasure in casuing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which will give you the latest published figures on the subject in which you are interested.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 3, 1925.

Mr. James J. Morrissey,
1360 Third Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to that part of your letter requesting a list of coins of the United States I am sending under separate cover copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which gives you the number of pieces by denominations manufactured since the opening of the U. S. mint. The Government issues no list of values of old coins. The 3¢ piece, 20¢ piece, and ½ dime will be redeemed by the Treasury at the face value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 3, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your Settlement Certificate #C-1161-T dated June 27, of the bullion account of Isaac H. Smith, Superintendent U. S. Assay Office, New York, N. Y., for the period October - December 1924, inclusive.

Concerning advisory notes one and three, there is being inclosed assay slips #3367 - 3399 inclusive and this Bureau's file copy of New York assay report on redeposit number one made by the Philadelphia mint September 19, 1924.

Relative to advisory note two, concerning difference on deposit number 6013 I beg to advise that this item was cared for by notations on the vouchers accompanying the account when it left this office, and the difference of $2.30 was adjusted in the account for the quarter following the one in which the difference occurred.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f

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July 7, 1925.

Mr. J. E. Cunningham,
Smackover,
Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 29th please be advised that there is no place in Washington where Government assays are made for the public. If you will forward a specimen of your deposit to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La., it will be assayed at charges indicated on the attached circular.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Enc.

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July 7, 1925.

H. C. Smither,
Chief Coordinator,
Room 217, Arlington Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgement your memorandum of July 2nd relative to vault space in the U. S. Mint at Carson City which might be made available to the Federal Penitentiary at McNeil Island, Washington, for fire proof storage room for its records.

I expect to be at the Mint at Carson on an inspection visit within a very short time. I will at that time look into the condition of the vaults and the general situation there and be able to make a report to you from there.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 7, 1925.

Rev. J. Frederic Mauer,
Minister, First Reformed Church,
Rocky Hill, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 5th written in the interest of a member of your parish who is anxious to obtain an appointment as an engraver, please be advised that a letter of inquiry addressed to the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., will give you the desired information. The Commission will gladly forward to you full instructions in regard to possible examination for the position of engraver. There is no mint in Washington. All positions in the Mint Service are subject to Civil Service examination.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 7, 1925.

Mr. C. A. Watts,
Vancouver, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram of July 3rd advising that the Vancouver National Bank had wired credit of $300.00 to the Federal Reserve Bank of Washington, D. C., covering master dies for the Vancouver coins has been received. The check has been made payable to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, that officer being charged with the duty of preparing the master dies. He will be instructed to acknowledge receipt of this money.

Will you please advise this Bureau at your earliest convenience as to the number of coins you desire to have executed in the first order. It is hoped now to have the working dies ready by the 28th or 30th of this month. They will then be forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco where coinage can be executed. Allowing six or seven days for the dies to reach San Francisco, and depending upon San Francisco anticipating this coinage by making all necessary preliminary preparations, the coins should be ready for delivery to your Commission from San Francisco the first week in August, probably the eighth. This arrangement is dependent upon having no unforeseen delay in preparation of the working dies.

I would urgently recommend that you do not call for a larger number than you are sure to dispose of promptly. Although the Act provides for the coinage of 300,000 pieces, the experience of this Bureau prompts us to warn you of the improbability of disposing of that number. If you find that the first order has met with ready sale succeeding orders can be promptly filled at the mint upon very short notice. I am taking the liberty of submitting this advice in the interest of the Vancouver Commission, in order that you may not have a large number of the coins left on your hands unsold.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 7, 1925.

Mrs. Daisy C. Heypsher,
403 N. Cumberland Street,
Morristown, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of June 6th please be advised that the package to which you refer reached this office some weeks ago and has been held pending instructions from you. For your information and as an explanation as to why you received no reply I would call your attention to the inclosed envelope by which you will see that no city address was given us.

The material will still be held in this office pending your further instructions. A visual examination indicates that the material has no commercial value and it is probable that you will have same destroyed. Otherwise it will be returned to you at your expense.

Respectfully,

R. Grant

Director of the Mint.

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July 9, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find reply of the Acting Superintendent of the New York Assay Office to advisory note accompanying Certificate of Settlement #C-27842-T of June 27, 1925, of the account of the New York Assay Office for the period October - December 1924.

On the account current for the December quarter the item of $8.00 was erroneously placed in the miscellaneous revenues column, also erroneously indicated under the Miscellaneous Revenues heading in the margin. This amount was correctly deposited to the credit of the wages appropriation and should have appeared in the wages column, also under marginal heading Expenditures, reimbursement for manufacture of platinum ware for the Department of Agriculture.

It is evident from the inclosed letter that the New York Assay Office overlooked the significance of the marginal general headings in bold face type, and the significance of the indentations of the items following the general headings. These matters are being brought to the attention of the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 9, 1925.

Mr. Tadao Wilawa,
Acting Financial Commissioner
of the Japanese Government,
Japanese Financial Commission,
Equitable Building,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my thanks for your undated recent letter amplifying the data in your "Financial and Economic Annual of Japan for 1925" concerning the six per cent sterling loan issued in London.

We shall be pleased to continue to receive the "Annual" as it is issued from year to year, as data of value are obtained therefrom.

It is understood that you regularly receive the annual reports of the operations of the United States Mint Service.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 9, 1925.

E. B. Southworth,
Associate Manager,
Aetna Casualty and Surety Company,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 8th please be advised that Mr. Isaac H. Smith relinquished his position as Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, N. Y. at the close of business June 30, 1925.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 9, 1925.

Mr. C. P. Dehnel,
1820 Melrose Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 7th please be advised that the Mint at Philadelphia, the Mint at Denver, and the U. S. Assay Office at New York will receive gold in the form of bullion in quantities valued at $100.00 and over. I am inclosing copy of the table of charges made for handling such deposits. The Government is not in the market for silver at this time. Payment for gold bullion is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States. Charges are deducted before payment is made.

Respectfully,

J. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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July 9, 1925.

Mr. C. A. Boone,
Cashier, The First Huntington
National Bank,
Huntington, West Va.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 7th addressed to the Director of the Mint you are advised that the Government does not issue proof coins.

To obtain a specimen of the Stone Mountain Memorial half dollar you should address the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully,

M. McReedy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 9, 1925.

Mr. P. J. Lutterlok,
414 High Street,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry please be advised that a visual examination indicates that the specimen you inclosed in your letter is iron ore and has none of the precious metals present. The ore is inclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1925.

American Railway Express Company,
On Hand Department,
2nd and H Streets, N. E.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am inclosing herewith notice of receipt of package addressed to this Bureau in error. The package contains varnish from Valentine & Company, New York City, and should have been addressed to the U. S. Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York. Will you please forward the package to that address collect. Your reference number is 4858.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inc.

July 10, 1925.

Valentine & Company,
456 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of July 7th not delivered until today for the reason that it was addressed "Treasury Department, Washington, D. C." The American Railway Express Company has been requested to forward the package to the U. S. Assay Office, New York City, and the Superintendent of that institution has been instructed to advance the express charges and collect the same from you.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1925.

Mr. A. W. Thomas,
715 Chartiers Ave.,
McKees Rocks, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that a visual examination of the material inclosed in your letter indicates that there are no precious metals present. The specimen is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

July 11, 1925.

Miss V. F. Drake,
Auburn, Ala.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 8th relative to the numismatic value of the gold dollar, please be advised that since they are no longer coined it is understood that coin dealers pay a premium for them. The amount of the premium depends upon the condition of the coin and the scarcity of the coinage of a particular year, and any other element. The Government pays no premium upon any issue of coin and does not pass upon the numismatic value of coins. I would suggest that you address the "American Numismatic Society", 156 Street and Broadway, New York, N. Y. for further information in regard to this matter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1925.

Mrs. Ida McGrath,
Glen Ullin,
North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 6th please be advised that the Government does not pass upon the numismatic value of coins. As a source of possible information I would suggest that you address the "American Numismatic Society", 156 Street and Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1925.

Mr. W. S. Holly,
Walton, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 9th, please be advised that a visual examination of the specimen you forwarded to this Bureau indicates that it has no commercial value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1925.

Rand Mc Nally Bankers Directory,
536 South Clark Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request contained in your letter of June 25th, I take pleasure in inclosing herewith copies of "Values of Foreign Coins" as of July 1, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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July 13, 1925.

Mr. H. S. Davis,
Assistant Cashier,
First National Bank,
Napa, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 7th please be advised that the Government does not issue any information covering the value of foreign or domestic coins. I would suggest that you address a letter to the American Numismatic Society, 156 Street and Broadway, New York, N. Y. as a source of possible information in regard to the coin you describe.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 13, 1925.

Mr. J. Clyde Ray,
Hillsboro, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of July 11th please be advised that assay of ores are made for the public at the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S. Dak. I am inclosing a circular which covers the charges imposed for the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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July 13, 1925.

Mr. E. K. Wyman,
Clifton Springs, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 10th please be advised that a visual examination of the specimen inclosed in your letter indicates that it does not contain any of the precious metals.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

July 13, 1925.

Mr. M. L. Beistle,
521 W. King Street,
Shippensburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of July 10th I am forwarding a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint which gives the coinage executed at the various mints of the United States from the beginning of coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1925.

Angelo J. Rossi,
1032 Merchants Exchange Building,
California Diamond Jubilee,
San Francisco, Calif.

Law prohibits publication of illustrations of coins.
Please warn sculptor.

Grant
Director of Mint

"Contingent Expenses, Office Director of Mint, 1926"

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July 15, 1925.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
135 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of June, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Domestic unrefined silver	49,397.58	fine	ounces
Foreign " "	85,970.90	"	"
Foreign silver coin	586.66	"	"

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1925.

Survey Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of June, 1925, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

	Fine ounces.
Unrefined domestic gold	71,652.212
Unrefined domestic silver	49,397.58

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1925.

Mr. W. A. Rupp,
The Aberdeen Daily World,
Aberdeen, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of July 8th you are informed that the 50¢ piece issued to commemorate the carving of Stone Mountain was authorized by Act of March 17, 1924. The Bill was introduced on December 10, 1923, by Honorable Reed Smoot, Senator from Utah.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1925.

Mr. Henry W. Hoops,
200 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 12th please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any coins. As a possible source of information as to the numismatic value of the coins you describe I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, 156 Street and Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1925.

Mrs. G. M. Van Brakle,
20 Ohio Avenue,
Norwalk, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of July 10th please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any coins. For your information I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, 156 Street and Broadway, New York, N. Y. as a possible source of information as to the numismatic value of the coin you describe.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1925.

Mr. H. L. Anderson,
R. F. D. #1,
Glen Gardner, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 9th please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays are made for the public. A visual examination of the specimen forwarded by you to this Bureau indicates that it contains none of the precious metals. The specimen is being returned herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

July 15, 1925.

Mr. Michel Laporta,
1787 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of July 13th you are advised that the imprint "J 37" cut on the 1916 5¢ coin must have been superimposed after the coin left the mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1925.

Miss Fay Guthrie,
E. Guthrie & Company,
Lockney, Texas.

Dear Madam:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of July 10th addressed to the "U. S. Government Assay Office, Washington, D. C.". There is no U. S. Assay Office in Washington where assays are made for the public. I would suggest that you address the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. as a possible source of information in regard to the clay you describe.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1925.

Mr. Walter G. Hjirtstedt,
1840 Spaulding Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of July 11th please be advised that the issue of a one half dollar for the Norwegian Centennial was not authorized by Congress, but Congress did authorize the issue of a medal. These silver medals were made at the United States Mint at Philadelphia and are now on sale by the Norse American Centennial, New Nicholet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Respectfully,

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July 15, 1925.

Senor Don Francisco Sanchez Latour,
Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,
1521 New Hamshire Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senor Latour:

In response to your request I have obtained from the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and am forwarding herewith a certificate as to the weight and fineness of the One-Quetzal silver coins recently manufactured at the United States Mint for your Government. This certificate is subscribed to by the Superintendent of Coining, the Acting Assayer, and the Superintendent of the institution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Inc.

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July 16, 1925.

Mr. Bert Toggweiler,
383 5th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 13th you are advised that the coinage authorized to commemorate the Battle of Bennington has not yet been undertaken, no design having been submitted by the committee having this celebration in charge. These coins will probably not be manufactured until the coming year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 16, 1925.

Mr. Joseph Bozostowski,
4402 Sobieski Avenue,
North Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 13th please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any coins and I am unable to advise you what coin dealers pay for the coin describe.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 16, 1925.

Mrs. Daisy C. Heysher,
403 N. Cumberland Street,
Morristown, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 10th and in accordance with your instructions the specimen of material forwarded by you will be destroyed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 16, 1925.

Director, Sesquicentennial
Exhibition Association,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgement a copy of a letter addressed by you under date of July 11th to Mr. John R. Sinnock relative to the preparation of models or designs for the 50¢ silver piece and the $2.50 gold piece authorized by the Act of March 3, 1925. It is noted from your letter that you have the impression that 13 different designs may be used for the 50¢ piece. The Act authorized the issue of two coins, one 50¢ piece and one $2.50 gold piece. You will therefore be permitted under this Act to have but two types of coins, that is, an obverse and a reverse for the 50¢ piece and an obverse and reverse for the $2.50 piece. It is suggested that Mr. Sinnock may be mislead into understanding that he is to submit models for thirteen different silver coins instead of models for two coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 16, 1925.

Dr. H. S. Mead,
712 Rose Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 14th you are advised that the U. S. Assay Office at Deadwood, S. Dak., and the U. S. Assay Office at 32 Wall Street, New York, N. Y., will receive dental scrap in quantities approximating and exceeding $100 in value. Payment is made for the gold and silver content only. No allowance is made for any other metal. Payment is made by check on the United States less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. A copy of the list of charges is inclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Inc.

July 16, 1925.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Interior Department Building.

Dear Mr. Mcwhinney:

I am returning the contract of the New York Assay Office of J. T. Baker Chemical Company with request that if satisfactory to you, you will attach your signature to the contract. The bond was signed by you but not the contract and I am assuming that this was just an oversight.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1925.

Mr. Vito Flaumonte,
112 Moosic Street,
Old Forge, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your card of inquiry please be advised that the Government pays no premium on coins and I am not able to advise you as to the value of the piece you have.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1925.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company,
1418 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Voucher covering your bill #8923, amount $1.56, for telegrams transmitted for this office during the month of April, 1925, is enclosed herewith for signature. Upon return of the signed voucher it will be immediately passed for payment.

Respectfully,

W. M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1925.

The Statist,
51, Cannon Street,
London, E.C. 4, England.

Gentlemen:

Returned herewith please find vouchers previously forwarded you for certification, covering issues of "The Statist," also two new vouchers. It will be noted that the signed vouchers being returned have been canceled; these may be destroyed by you. It is the desire of this office to have our subscription run concurrently with our fiscal year, viz: July 1st to June 30th. For several years past we have been paying what was understood to be, in each instance, a full year's subscription beginning July 1st, but since your notice of May 13th gives expiration date as June 13, 1925, we submitted two vouchers; one to cover issues for the balance of the fiscal year 1925, June 13th to 30th, 1925, and one for the fiscal year 1926, July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926. These dates were changed by you to read June 30, 1925 to June 12, 1926, on both vouchers. The two new vouchers which are being forwarded herewith have been prepared as were the original vouchers and it is requested that you kindly certify them opposite check mark in margin and that the subscription rates applicable to each be inserted. Upon return of these vouchers they will be immediately passed for payment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1925.

Security State Bank,
Lindstrom, Minn.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of July 13th inclosing a dime which you believed to be a counterfeit. The dime is a genuine piece but it is lacking in "ring" for the reason that there is what is known to the mint as a "blister" in the metal. A perfect coin is being forwarded to you. Thank you for calling attention to the piece.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1925.

Captain George McKinney,
541 N. W. 15th Street,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your recent request please be advised that the Treasury has no Columbian half dollars and I am unable to advise you where you can procure one.

Respectfully,

M. M. McCauley

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

July 17, 1925.

Honorable Knowlton Hollis,
Sulligent, Ala.

Dear Sir:

Honorable W. B. Oliver, House of Representatives, has written to this Bureau stating that you have some silver in bullion which you desire to sell.

The Treasury Department is not in the market for silver at this time. Therefore the mints would be unable to accept a shipment of silver bullion from you. I would suggent that you might see fit to address letters of inquiry to the following firms who deal in silver:

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
U. S. Smelting, Refining, & Mining Co.,
55 Congress St., Boston, Mass.
U. S. Metals Refining Co.,
Carteret, N. J.,
Handy & Harmon,
59 Cedar St., New York, N. Y.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1925.

Honorable W. B. Oliver,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Oliver:

In response to the request contained in your letter of July 13th this Bureau has taken pleasure in advising Mr. Knowlton Hollis, of Sulligent, Alabama, as to the possibility of disposing of silver about which he writes to you. As the Treasury Department is not now in the market for silver, this Bureau is suggesting the names of several of the larger silver dealers to whom Mr. Hollis might deem it expedient to write.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 16, 1925.

Angelo J. Rossi,
Chairman Citizens Committee,
Room 445 Phelan Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

Mint Philadelphia already started preparation master dies for California coins. Approximately three weeks required for reduction of design and manufacture of dies.

O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 18, 1925.

Mr. M. F. McAleer,
Director, Division of Publicity,
The Sesquicentennial International
Exposition,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 17th referring to designs for the Sesquicentennial International Exposition coins has been received and submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for his special attention.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 18, 1925.

Honorable Oscar W. Underwood,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Underwood,

Your letter of July 17th addressed to this Bureau has been referred to the officer in charge of the issue of paper money, the Director of the Mint having no jurisdiction over the same.

Respectfully,

Mary M. Heisley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 20, 1925.

Mr. William S. Stone,
1030 Metropolitan Life Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of July 15th you are advised that it is the practice to sell special coins at a premium. The Department delivers them to the association which brought about the legislation authorizing the coinage at face value. Information relative to the half dollars issued in commemoration of the carving of Stone Mountain can be obtained from the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 20, 1925.

Honorable Guy U.Hardy,
Canon City, Colo.

My dear Congressman Hardy:

In response to your request of July 15th this Bureau takes pleasure in inclosing a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World". This pamphlet is now being revised and brought up to date. I am also inclosing a copy of two mimeographed pamphlets which may be of interest to you, and also a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint of the fiscal year 1925, the latest issue.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inclosures.

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July 20, 1925.

Mr. George Hamilton,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 13th you are advised that the United States mints purchase gold only in the form of bullion. They are not allowed to purchase gold in the form of ore. I am unable to determine from your letter in what form your gold is carried by you and therefore can not advise you where to send it.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 20, 1925.

Dr. J. F. Baumgartner,
161 Main Street, North,
West Bend, Winsconsin.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 17th you are advised that the United States mint at Denver will receive dental scrap and pay for the gold and silver content only. The mints do not purchase platinum and make no allowance for platinum content in dental scrap. I am inclosing a table of charges as you requested. Charges are deducted from the valueof the deposit and payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States. The mints are not required to accept deposits of less value than $100.00.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 20, 1925.

Mr. A. G. Dawson,
Live Stock,
Live Stock Exchange,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of July 16th please be advised that the half dollar commemorating the carving of Stone Mountain may be obtained by addressing the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 20, 1925.

The Pathfinder Publishing Company,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 17th please be advised that your letter of inquiry relative to currency has been referred to this Bureau. It is presumed you mean metal money. The coinage is executed in accordance with the demands from the banks. After being manufactured at the mints it is held subject to the orders of the Treasurer of the United States and distributed by him to the various Federal Reserve Banks. All the Federal Reserve Banks in turn distribute the coins to the other banks of the country.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 465

July 21, 1925.

Mr. W. C. Watts,
5th and Main Streets,
Vancouver, Washington.

Advise this office by wire number half dollars desired as first order name of agent to receive and make payment for same at mint San Francisco.

O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 21, 1925.

Mr. James E. Fraser,
3 MacDougal Alley,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Your letter of July 20th addressed to Mr. Grant has been received. Mr. Grant is absent in the West and will not be back for several weeks.

I understood from the Mint at Philadelphia yesterday that Mrs. Fraser was to be requested to come to Philadelphia on Thursday to view the trial reduction of the Vancouver coin.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1926.

Mallinckrodt Chemical Works,

July 21 26

3600 North Second Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

4434 Ammonium Chloride;

(a) Analytical reagent quality

	grams	grams	
(2) Mallinckrodt's	10,000	500	.33

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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The Brown Instrument Company,
Wayne and Roberts Avenues,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sirs:

On June 9, 1925, we forwarded you for repair 1 model 100 indicating Pyrometer grad. 0-3000 , your order #119386. The other articles included in this order were received by us on July 10th but the above-mentioned indicating pyrometer was not included in this shipment, although your packing list, listed it. Please inform us when we may expect shipment.

We are also returning to you by parcel post the two 12" K-3 porcelain tubes with condulet for 12" couples (item 4 on your packing list) together with an iron head of the size to fit on porcelain blocks and ask that you fit them both with similar heads ½ A., as the iron heads you furnished with them are not the same size as the porcelain blocks supplied with the thermocouples you repaired and with which we intend to use them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1925.

Miss E. T. Gingery,
U. S. Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Madam:

I am inclosing copies of correspondence in reference to the case of Mr. Sullivan at Carson City, Nevada. Mr. Sullivan was first appointed on November 1, 1924, as a Watchman at $100 per month in the absence of Mr. Kyle the regular Watchman who was on leave without pay. His designation was Watchman was changed on December 16 to read "Assistant Assayer, Temporary". This was done with the consent of the Commission to correct the confusion in the appropriation Act between salaries and wages, with the understanding that this situation would be corrected on July 1 of this year. Upon Mr. Kyle's return to duty Mr. Sullivan's temporary appointment was terminated on December 1, 1924. Upon Mr. Kyle's resignation in April 1925, Mr. Sullivan was given a probational appointment as Watchman at $976 per annum, this being the rate which the balance in the appropriation would permit. This appointment was given to him as you will see from letters inclosed, with the understanding that on July 1, he was to receive $1320. The District Secretary approved this appointment under these conditions. I hope this correspondence which I am inclosing will help to clear the case satisfactorily and that we can continue to carry Mr. Sullivan at the rate agreed upon, namely, $1320 per annum.

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Mr. M. Lustbader,
179 Spruce Street,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of July 17th please be advised that the Government carries no premium list of old coins. As a possible source of information I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, 156th Street and Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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General Accounting Office,
Miscellaneous Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am inclosing herewith contracts with the following named firms to furnish supplies and services to the U. S. Assay Office at New York City. The contracts have been duly approved.

J. T. Baker Chemical Company
General Chemical Company
Grasselli Chemical Company
The Huntoon Ice Company, Inc.
E. B. Newman
N. Y. Linen Supply & Laundry Co., Inc.
Standard Oil Company of N. Y.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Mr. H. Z. Nabers,
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of recent date you are advised that the mints do not purchase gold and silver dental scrap in small quantities. Unless the gold content of the accumulation you describe approximates in weight enough to make about five ounces in gold or $100 in value the mints would not be able to handle it. I regret I am unable to advise you where you would be able to dispose of the same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Miss Laura H. Weart,
Box 422,
Bound Brook, N. J.

Dear Miss Weart:

Replying to your card of inquiry dated July 20th relative to procuring specimens of the Philgrim half dollar please be advised that the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, Mass. was the agent employed to distribute these coins and I would suggest that you address them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Johnson Fare Box Company,
980 Eighth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In response to your request of July 20th I take pleasure in forwarding a copy of the Supplement of the coinage laws which contains on page 21, chapters from the penal code.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Honorable Noble J. Johnson,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Johnson:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of July 21st inclosing a letter from Mr. David J. Williams, Terre Haute, Ind., relative to procuring coins direct from the mint.

The mints are not allowed to pay out coins except on order of the Treasurer of the United States. Requests for coins should be forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. As you are aware the coins are generally put in circulation through the banks. However, if an individual for special reasons desires to procure a few specimens of coins of current date, the Treasurer of the United States would, no doubt, grant the request. I am returning Mr. Williams' letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1925.

Mrs. C. A. Jaynes,
402 Chemung Street,
Waverly, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date I regret to advise that the mints and assay offices of the United States do not purchase gold in small quantities.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Mr. L. C. Spngler,
Assistant Director,
Bureau of Supply,
Building F,
6th and B Streets,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 22nd please be advised that there were no delinquent contractors in connection with the business of the U. S. Mint Service during the fiscal year 1925.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

NIGHT MESSAGE

July 23, 1925.

Mr. C. A. Watts,
5th and Main Streets,
Vancouver, Washington.

Expect forward dies San Francisco Saturday. Should reach there by August first. Coinage can be done immediately. San Francisco mint already instructed to advise you in advance when coins ready for delivery. Suggest you then instruct Vancouver bank to remit by draft face value of coins to Superintendent United States Mint San Francisco upon collection of which coins will be shipped you by express collect.

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Acting Director of Mint.

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Departmental Stock Form 2129.

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General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed contracts, entered into by the United States Mint at San Francisco with the firms listed below, for supplies and services during the fiscal year 1926, having been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury are forwarded for your files.

National Ice and Cold Storage Company
of California.
Enterprise Foundry Company
Metropolitan Laundry Company

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.